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## 4 U.S. Professors Kidnapped In Beirut; Death Threatened

### LATE NEWS

#### Police Question Winnie Mandela

SOWETO, South Africa (Reuters) — Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed South African black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, was held by police for questioning Sunday but was released later, her lawyer said. A police spokesman said that Mrs. Mandela had not been arrested or detained.

Her lawyer, Ismail Ayob, said that police had searched Mrs. Mandela's home near Johannesburg for more than two hours before taking her to Soweto's main police station, then returned to get her daughter, Zindzi, and a filing cabinet containing personal papers.

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### University Classes Are Suspended to Protest Abduction

By Nora Boustany

Washington Post Service

BEIRUT — With four professors — three of them Americans and the fourth an Indian-born U.S. resident — having been kidnapped Saturday, Beirut University College suspended classes indefinitely Sunday to protest the abductions.

Students and teachers called on all educational institutions here to shut their doors in solidarity.

The four were identified as Alann Steen, 46, professor of journalism; Jesse Turner, assistant professor of computer science and mathematics; Robert Polhill, 56, professor of business studies and accounting; and Mihileshwar Singh, chairman of the business school.

It was the largest single kidnapping of Americans in this city, and brought to 25 the number of foreigners held hostage. At least eight are Americans.

The wives of the four teachers, who witnessed the kidnapping by gunmen, asked the abductors Sunday to release their husbands and to supply two of them with badly needed medication. Mr. Polhill is a diabetic and Mr. Singh reportedly has low blood pressure.

A group calling itself the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth warned in a telephone call to the Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station that it would execute one of the hostages unless Mohammed Ali Hamadei, 22, a Shiite Lebanese arrested Jan. 13 in Frankfurt, was released.

This group has previously claimed, in written statements accompanied by photographs, the abduction and execution of Jewish Lebanese citizens. There was nothing to validate the authenticity of the calls Sunday.

Two West Germans have been abducted, Rudolf Cordes on Jan. 17 and Alfred Schmidt on Jan. 21, apparently in retaliation for the arrest of Mr. Hamadei. His extradition is being sought by the United States on air piracy and murder charges in connection with the 17-day hijacking of the TWA airliner in 1985. A U.S. Navy diver was killed in the hijacking.

The kidnappings Saturday took place after the gunmen gained access to the Beirut University College campus by dressing as members of Lebanon's Internal Security Force and asking to confer with foreign professors in order "to advise them and coordinate" security matters, college sources said.

They entered the main gate for the first time at noon, riding in a police van, and returned in the late afternoon. They advised foreigners on campus against leaving the grounds for security reasons, college sources said.

"They showed up another time to meet and talk things over," said Mohammed Yalun, the university's director of development. Minutes later, the four teachers were taken to the lower campus gate, forced into the van at gunpoint and driven away, security guards and witnesses said.

Beirut University College is the second-largest university in Moslem-dominated west Beirut. Its campus is three blocks south of the American University of Beirut, from which other Americans have been kidnapped.

Founded by the Presbyterian mission in 1924 as a girls' college, the college became coeducational

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Helmut Kohl, with his wife, Hannelore, discusses the vote at his party's Bonn headquarters.

## Kohl Coalition Re-elected, but Margin Narrows

By James M. Markham

New York Times Service

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right coalition won a parliamentary majority Sunday that will permit it to govern West Germany for another four years. But Mr. Kohl's party had its worst showing since 1949.

The coalition of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats and the small Free Democratic Party won a total of 52.8 percent of the popular vote, according to computer projections. That will translate into 266 seats in the 496-member Bundestag, the lower house of parliament.

Yet, the chancellor's Christian Democrats did considerably less well than opinion polls had forecast, winning only 44 percent of the popular vote compared to 48.8 percent in the 1983 national election.

The dismal performance, the party's worst since the founding of the Federal Republic in 1949, appeared likely to weaken Mr. Kohl's personal authority within a traditionally fractious coalition.

The big winners of the election were West Germany's two small parties — the centrist Free Democrats, junior partners in the coalition, and the Greens, who oppose membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Free Democrats raised their share of the vote from 7 percent in 1983 to 8.8 percent, while the Greens jumped to 8.2 percent from 5.6 percent, the projections by television stations showed.

The left-of-center Social Democrats did marginally better than most opinion polls had forecast and almost equaled their 1983 showing, drawing 37.6 percent compared to 38.2 percent four years ago, according to the projections. That result had been the party's worst since 1961.

Although the performance was well short of the Social Democrats' proclaimed goal of winning an absolute majority in the Bundestag, Johannes Rau, the party's standard-bearer, did extremely well in his home state of North Rhine-Westphalia. In the important industrial state, with almost a third of West Germany's electorate of 45 million, the Social Democrats re-established themselves as the biggest party.

Lead Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Free Democrats made deep inroads into the Christian Democratic camp by appealing to voters to split their ballots and give their so-called "second votes" to the junior coalition partners. A two-tiered voting system gives one vote to a candidate and a second to a party list.

Mr. Genscher, who has been foreign minister since 1974, appeared to have profited from strident attacks on his cautious policies by Franz Josef Strauss, the rightist premier of Bavaria and leader of the Christian Social Union, the sister party of the national Christian Democrats.

Mr. Strauss, 71, was known to have aspirations to displace Mr. Genscher as foreign minister, but the strong showing by the Free Democrats appeared to guarantee that Mr. Genscher will remain in his post.

From comments by its leaders Sunday night, the Free Democratic Party, which draws its support from small businessmen and professionals, expects to increase its overall weight within the coalition.

Mr. Strauss declared himself "not satisfied" with the result, which appeared to diminish the likelihood that he would move to Bonn from his Bavarian power base to shape national policies.

Mr. Kohl, appearing before journalists at his party headquarters, attributed the Christian Democrats' loss to the Social Democrats' See BONN, Page 6

## Wall Street Swing Worries SEC

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Wall Street's wild ride on Friday, in which the Dow Jones industrial average zig-zagged 200 points in two and a half hours, has stunned investors and prompted the U.S. government to examine more closely market volatility and the role of computers.

John S.R. Shad, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, said Friday that the agency was concerned about increasing volatility on U.S. securities markets and was examining ways to dampen it.

"The commission is definitely looking at this situation," Mr. Shad said in Washington.

The Dow average of 30 industrial stocks soared 64 points by early Friday afternoon — its largest one-day point gain — then dove about 115 points in just over an hour. Mr. Shad said the fall represented a five-percent swing, considerably larger than the market has seen in recent years.

Before the afternoon was over, the blue-chip average plunged again to end down 44.15 points, at 2,101.52. Trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 302 million shares, a record.

Analysts attributed the volatility not to worries about the U.S. economy — the traditional explanation for Wall Street's moodiness — but to the practice of arbitraging, or rapid buying and selling on a number of markets to take advantage of differences in prices between those markets.

This type of trading is made possible by new computer technologies that enable big investors to play one market against another and rapidly move huge amounts of funds.

A main reason for the swings involved large investors who were trying to play the futures markets, where stocks are bought or sold for delivery at some specified future date, against what the stocks were

actually selling for on Friday. Such calculations are extremely complex, but can be made in fractions of a second by computers.

Because these practices carry little risk and can be enormously profitable, investors are willing to put up huge sums. The amount of money they invest, in turn, can pull the market up quickly or push it down just as fast.

In addition, analysts cited the dominance of program trading in financial markets. Most institutional traders — the big players on the stock market — use computer programs that issue automatic "buy" and "sell" orders when the Dow or other primary stock averages have risen or fallen a certain number of points. These programs accentuate trends already in evidence, creating periods of near panic buying and selling.

"The volatility was clearly the result of program trading and you could almost say it was out of control," See VOLATILE, Page 11

## 20,000 March to Protest Georgia Racist Incident

Heavy Security Blocks 1,000 Whites

By David Treadwell and Barry Bearak

Los Angeles Times Service

CUMMING, Georgia — More than 20,000 demonstrators from across the United States have staged a march in all-white Forsyth County, the largest such demonstration since the height of civil rights activism in the 1960s.

The "March for Brotherhood" Saturday was organized to protest an attack by whites on a much smaller march in the same county the week before, in which eight persons were injured.

At a rally in the courthouse square after the march, the Reverend Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told residents of the county: "We did not come to scare you to death, but to challenge you to a new way of life — a life of decency, a life of justice, and a life of integrity. Cumming and Forsyth are not places, they are attitudes."

Marchers were protected by 1,700 police and Georgia National Guard troops along the parade route of more than a mile as about a thousand counter-demonstrators

held aloft Confederate flags and chanted "Nigger, go home!"

At least 60 persons, including white supremacist leaders, were arrested before and during the march, several of them on weapons charges, according to authorities in Forsyth County.

Some marchers were hurt by rocks and bottles thrown by whites at the crowd, but there were no serious injuries. U.S. state and local officials had ordered elaborate security measures for the march.

"This is the greatest show of force on the part of the state of Georgia in history," said Barbara Morgan, a spokeswoman for Governor Joe Frank Harris.

Civil rights veterans, pleased by a turnout of demonstrators that was far beyond their expectations, said they viewed the march as the resurrection of the civil rights movement, which increasingly has slid into disarray since the 1960s.

"The civil rights family has not been together like this since we buried Martin Luther King" in 1968, said Hosea Williams, an Atlanta city councilman who was an aide to the assassinated civil rights leader.

Ozell Sutton, regional director of the U.S. Justice Department's office of community relations in Atlanta, said, "This outpouring of black and white and all racial groups is an indication of a deep and abiding concern" for civil rights.



A Georgia National Guardsman protecting the marchers. At left is Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King.

## Regan Denied To Shultz Any Iran Deal

By Walter Pincus and David Hoffman

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, told Secretary of State George P. Shultz in May that reports about the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran "couldn't be true or shouldn't be true," although Mr. Regan at the time had participated in several meetings on the initial

North said Reagan's main concern in the arms sales was freeing U.S. hostages. Page 3.

At the economic summit meeting of Western nations being held that month in Tokyo, Mr. Shultz had confronted Mr. Regan after receiving a cabled query from the U.S. ambassador in London, Charles H. Francis.

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The exchange occurred five months after Mr. Reagan had secretly authorized the direct sale of U.S. arms to Iran during a Jan. 17, 1985, meeting at the White House attended by Mr. Regan.

The first shipment of U.S. missiles was sent to Tehran in February, and Mr. Shultz has asserted that he was never officially informed of the arms sales until it became public in November.

The episode in Tokyo sheds new light on the role of Mr. Regan in the making of the Iran arms sales policy. It suggests that the White House chief of staff sought to conceal from Mr. Shultz the full extent of the Iran policy.

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Mr. Shultz's questioning of Mr. Regan in Tokyo about arms sales came just as the president was urging the leaders of seven industrial democracies to issue a strong statement opposing state-sponsored terrorism. Iran was listed by the United States as a sponsor of terrorism.

Mr. Regan, in a news conference May 7 at the end of the summit See REGAN, Page 6

## 10 French Aid Workers Kidnapped in Somalia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS — Ten French workers from the relief organization Doctors Without Borders have been kidnapped in northwestern Somalia, according to a spokesman for the group. He said the workers were taken toward the Ethiopian border.

About 60 gunmen, whose affiliation was not known, broke into the organization's compound in the Tug Wajale refugee camp Saturday and seized the entire medical team of two doctors, two technicians and six nurses, as well as one refugee.

Witnesses said the gunmen told the aid workers that their lives were not in danger, that they only wanted publicity about the situation in the region, the spokesman said. The spokesman said no one had claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.

The Ministry of External Relations said Sunday that France had asked Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya to help locate the team.

The French secretary of state to the prime minister in charge of human rights, Claude Malaurie, a former director of the relief organization, said in a television interview Sunday that he was "not pessimistic" about the fate of the hostages.

He said he believed that the kidnappers were from one of the liberation movements in the region, which, I think, wants itself talked about, and that's the reason I am relatively optimistic."

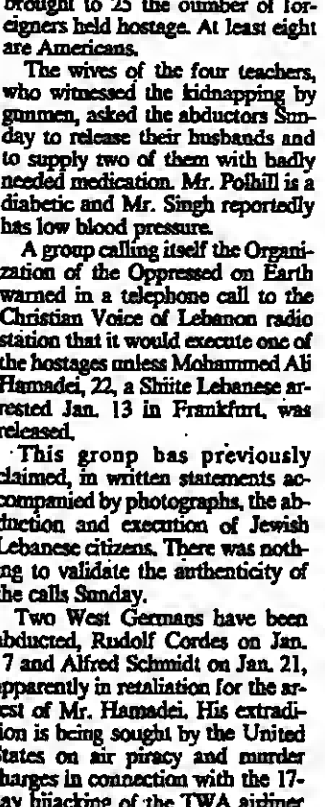
## Chile Burns Book By Nobel Laureate

The Associated Press

SANTIAGO — Authorities in the Chilean port city of Valparaiso burned 14,846 copies of a book by the exiled Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, according to a local representative for his publishing house.

Arturo Navarro said the copies of "The Adventure of Miguel Littin While Underground in Chile," were burned on orders of the enforcers of state-of-siege regulations in Valparaiso.

Mr. Navarro said in a telephone interview that he had been told recently that the books were burned Nov. 28. He said the books had been seized by customs agents upon arrival in Chile. The state of siege in the city has since been lifted.



Steven Estberg, returning a shot, retained his Australian Open title Sunday. Hans Mandlikova had upset Martina Navratilova to win the women's title. Page 13.

## War Goes On, but Tehran's Mood Is Upbeat

Traffic Abounds, Shops Brim With Goods, People Appear Calm and Relaxed

By Loren Jenkins

Washington Post Service

TEHRAN — For a city that in the last decade has been turned on end by revolution, then capped by more than six years of war, the Iranian capital appears surprisingly unscathed.

Despite daily newspaper headlines that scream of the latest battles in the war with Iraq, the mood in Tehran seems, strangely, upbeat.

Although there is much criticism in private among certain groups — primarily the middle class, which has suffered most from the Islamic revolution — the general public morale seems good despite the war and the economic hardships it has brought.

For a visitor who last saw the city amid the revolution that toppled the shah eight years ago, life in Tehran appears surprisingly familiar despite the political, cultural, religious and economic changes that have transformed Iran.

The streets, as in the past, are jammed with traffic, which is perhaps better controlled now. Shops brim with fresh fish, chickens, vegetables and fruit, even if the prices are high. Traditional street-side kabab parlors are doing what seems like normal business. Other shops still carry an array of imported goods, from Japanese radios to Chinese space heaters, that would draw envy from many Middle Eastern countries not burdened by war.

In their streets and shops, the residents of Tehran appear calm and relaxed. They seem more courteous than in the past, even when discovering that the inquirer is a rare visitor from the country that Iranian revolutionary leaders continue to call the Great Satan.

Although the high brick walls around the former U.S. Embassy are painted with slogans such as "We will make America face a severe defeat," a variety of Iranians appear to harbor no rancor against Americans. These include hotel employees, taxi drivers, shopkeepers, journalists, government officials, and even policemen.

What official anger remains over U.S. support for the regime of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi is directed at the U.S. government rather than individual U.S. citizens. In almost every case, Tehran residents welcomed an American visitor and even said how glad they were that he had returned.

The other startling impression is of how little direct evidence there is of the war.

One sees no military convoys, no tanks parked in front of buildings. There are no signs of anti-aircraft emplacements, though the city was randomly bombed by Iraq in 1985 and a jet dropped two bombs last week near the home of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

To one who has read of the mass mobilizations of men, even of youths of 14, for the killing grounds of the front, there is surprise at seeing how many men, many of undoubted health and of military age, are still on the streets, walking to work, shopping with their veiled wives, or simply gathering in bazaars and cafes.

Western diplomats living in Tehran confirm these first, tentative impressions.

"The support for the war is quite high," a European diplomat said. "The hate of the Iraqis is real and, after this month's offensive

toward Basra, there is a feeling that victory is possible and in sight. For the government, whatever the final results on the ground are, this offensive has been a shot in the arm."

Another diplomat said: "There are people queuing up to go to the front because they sense the end may be near and they want to be in on the finish."

Iraqi air raids on Iranian cities this month have raised morale, not lowered it, observers in Tehran believe.

Diplomats said people in Tabriz and Qom, where 85 people were reported to have been killed in an air raid Friday, have raised "revenge battalions" to send to the front in answer to the bombings.

There are signs, too, that the harsh and puritanical rule that characterized the years immediately after the Islamic revolution has relaxed.

Although paintings of Ayatollah Khomeini appear on the sides of numerous buildings and in some shops, his stern, bearded face is not as ubiquitous as it was when he returned to the country from exile in 1979. His presence seems to fall short of the personality cult that surrounds President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

On the streets, women are still required to wear the traditional flowing chador or simple head scarves. Yet fashion has crept into these once drab costumes, allowing for colors, rich fabrics and embroideries.

In many a Tehran home, away from the prying eyes of Revolutionary Guards, life goes on much as it did before the fall of the shah. Private dinner parties are held where there is See MOOD, Page 6

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# China Party Expels Leading Journalist Known for Exposés

By Edward A. Gargan  
New York Times Service

BEIJING — The Chinese Communist Party has expelled a prominent journalist known for his scathing attacks on corruption in party ranks.

As the campaign against intellectual dissidence accelerated, it was disclosed Sunday that Liu Bin, a university vice president, became the third prominent intellectual to be purged from the party in the political upheaval that has unseated Hu Yaobang, formerly the leader of the party.

Mr. Liu and two other leading intellectuals, Fang Lizhi and Wang Ruoshang, were denounced by Deng Xiaoping, China's leader, on Jan. 13 during a meeting with a visiting Japanese official. Mr. Fang, a university vice president, and Mr. Wang, a Shanghai writer, have since been expelled from the party.

Mr. Liu was accused of violating party principles and discipline. Chinese sources said he was being investigated on other charges, although they were uncertain whether he would be accused of criminal conduct or counterrevolutionary behavior. Both actions are punishable by imprisonment.

Chinese sources said that over the next two weeks the government-controlled press would conduct attacks on 10 prominent intellectuals known for criticizing rigid party orthodoxy.

Mr. Liu is a vice chairman of the Chinese Writers' Association. He became something of a folk hero to millions of Chinese for his exposés of greed and corruption in the Communist Party.

According to the official Xinhua news agency, Mr. Liu, 62, was formally expelled on Friday by the party discipline inspection committee of People's Daily, the party's official newspaper.

The agency reported that he "made speeches and wrote articles on many occasions in violation of the party constitution, discipline and resolutions."

He was also charged with criticizing a set of ideological precepts that declare inviolable the primacy of the Communist Party, the adherence to socialism, the permanence of the "people's democratic dictatorship," and the dominance of Marxism, Leninism and the thought of Mao Zedong.

Mr. Liu, the news agency said, attacked these four cardinal principles as "outdated, rigid and dogmatic concepts and worn-out

phrases that have led China to calamities several times."

He also vilified the Communist Party as "having degenerated," the agency said. "Lin gravely violated the journalistic principle of respecting facts and cross-checking to make facts accurate. Lin even went so far as to fabricate facts to attack the party and confound readers unaware of the truth."

In one of his most celebrated investigations, Mr. Liu uncovered a network of bribery and influence-peddling run by a party secretary in Manchuria. The secretary, Wang Shoumin, was found to have embezzled large sums of money.

At the time, party officials linked to Mr. Wang accused Mr. Liu of standing socialism and defaming the party. In the end, Mr. Wang was sentenced to death in prison.

One of Mr. Liu's books under attack, "A Second Kind of Loyalty," questions the pervasive emphasis on blind obedience to party leaders. The book is being denounced as undermining the prestige and legitimacy of the party.

Among the other intellectuals who will be targeted in coming weeks, according to Chinese sources, are Wang Kang, a former deputy editor of People's Daily, and Yu Guangyuan, an economist and member of the Central Advisory Committee of the Communist Party.

China announced Sunday that a university student had been arrested for allegedly passing intelligence material to an American journalist, Reuters reported from Beijing.

The Xinhua news agency said that Lin Fei, a student in Tianjin, was charged with "providing intelligence" to Lawrence MacDonald, a reporter for Agence France-Press.

It said the authorities had collected "conclusive evidence" of the student's "secret collusion" with Mr. MacDonald, who has been working in Beijing for about two years.

Mr. MacDonald was scheduled to return to Beijing from Hong Kong on Sunday but apparently decided not to make the trip after the student's arrest was announced.

The Chinese report made no specific accusation against Mr. MacDonald, but a Western diplomat said the tough phrasing of the report indicated that the Chinese authorities could be intending to charge him. The diplomat said that, in China, "a person who receives a state secret is as culpable as a person who offers it."



Greenpeace released this photo of members unloading gear Sunday at Cape Evans, where the group set up a camp in its effort to get the Antarctic declared a world park.

## Greenpeace Presses for an Antarctic Park

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Scientists from the environmental organization Greenpeace arrived in the Antarctic on Sunday in an attempt to have the frozen continent declared a world park.

The group's protest ship, the Greenpeace, was anchored off Cape Evans on Ross Island, and the crew began unloading gear for construction of a land base, said the coordinator of the expedition, Peter Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson said it would take about a month to build the installation. The four Greenpeace scientists plan to spend the seven-month-long sunless winter studying fish populations, kill and body-beat loss.

By undertaking scientific research and establishing a year-round camp, Greenpeace aims to focus attention on dangers to Antarctica's environment and to have the continent declared a world park. Greenpeace attempted the project last year but failed to reach Cape Evans because of heavy pack ice.

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## Gorbachev Assails Aides On Farming

By Philip Taubman  
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, has rebuked Soviet farm officials for failing to reverse chronic agricultural problems, Tass reported.

The Soviet news agency said Saturday that Mr. Gorbachev and other leaders, addressing a special agriculture conference on Friday, said the Soviet Union could not wait for a slow modernization of the farm economy.

"As to the food problem, comrades, we must get it moving," Mr. Gorbachev said. "We have been marching in place too long and have literally stuck fast in these matters."

Referring to farm production in the first half of the decade, he said, "The whole of the 11th five-year plan period was a whopside."

He added, "We have been stalled since 1972, especially since 1975."

Mr. Gorbachev, who was party secretary for agriculture from 1979 to 1985, has generally been restrained in his criticism of the farm economy.

Western diplomats said his remarks and the special meeting Friday suggested an intensified effort to deal with food shortages and the array of problems that plague them. These include inefficient farm management, processing and distribution problems and a subsidized pricing system that makes it cheaper for farmers to feed pigs with bread than grain, they said.

Mr. Gorbachev announced that a Central Committee meeting would begin Tuesday to deal with party organization, discipline and personnel matters.

Such a meeting was originally expected in December, and it has become a subject of speculation because of the unusual delay and reports that policy and personnel changes advocated by Mr. Gorbachev had encountered opposition.

There have been reports of an imminent leadership shake-up, with Mr. Gorbachev party general secretary since 1985, contemplating his consolidation of power by replacing the last holders of the 1964-1982 Brezhnev era.

Yegor K. Ligachev, the second-ranking party leader, criticized farm production in the Ukraine at Friday's meeting. He said that party officials in the Ukraine had been "intolerably slow" in reorganizing agriculture along the new agricultural lines, in which crop production is combined in management with processing and distribution.

## Papandreou Is Willing To Discuss U.S. Bases

By Henry Kamm  
New York Times Service

ATHENS — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou has told parliament that Greece would be prepared to negotiate with the United States for the continuation of American military bases on what he called "a zero basis."

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## 195 Hurt in London Clashes

The Associated Press

LONDON — In the worst outbreak of violence in the yearlong protests at Rupert Murdoch's newspaper printing plant in East London, 162 police officers and 33 civilians were injured Saturday night and Sunday morning, police said. Sixty-seven arrests were made.

A deputy assistant police commissioner, Wynn Jones, accused demonstrators of attacking as many officers as possible with gasoline bombs, paving stones, iron bars and other missiles.

A rally Saturday night, marking the first anniversary of Mr. Murdoch's move to a high-technology plant in Wapping and his firing of more than 5,000 printers, drew an estimated 12,000 people. It began with a jazz band and a carnival atmosphere, but quickly turned violent. Demonstrators fought police outside the plant for more than five hours.

Most of the 162 injured policemen were struck by thrown objects. Two remained hospitalized Sunday with head injuries, police said. Three of the 33 injured civilians were hospitalized overnight.

## Iran Asserts It Downed 3 Iraqi Jets Over Front

TEHRAN — Iranian anti-aircraft units shot down three Iraqi jets over the central front, where the Iranian Army is engaged in a limited offensive against Iraq's 24 Army Corps, Tehran radio said Sunday.

It also said the army fired four medium-range missiles at strategic targets in Khanaqin, 90 miles (145 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, and in the southern city of Basra.

For the second successive day, there were no new Iranian reports on ground fighting on the southern front, where Iranian forces launched a drive across the border Jan. 9.

Iran says its forces pushed through strong Iraqi defense lines, advancing to within six miles of Basra and a few hundred yards from its suburbs on the south bank of the Shatt-al-Arab waterway.

An Iraqi field commander, meanwhile, said the Iraqis had suffered decisive blows and were besieged. Iraqi forces are in full control of the battlefield and the Iranian base defect, said Brigadier Abdul-Wahid al-Rabat, commander of a division defending Basra.

Reporters were taken to see some of the Iraqis' newly captured territory, including an island in the Shatt-al-Arab and a battered military township in palm groves east of Basra.

## Royal Composer Sounds Sour Note About Thatcher

The Associated Press

LONDON — Malcolm Williamson, the composer who holds the only music post in Queen Elizabeth II's household, has said in a radio interview that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is a "stupid, mindless philistine" who has hurt culture more than any other British leader since World War II.

The 55-year-old Australian, who is master of the queen's music, called the prime minister "dumb... in music matters" and said her husband, Denis, was "even dumber."

In an interview Friday on Radio Invisita, in Kent, Mr. Williamson said that Mrs. Thatcher had "done more damage to education, to medicine, to culture than any prime minister since the war."

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## Aquino Urged By Cardinal To Act on Land Reform

By Keith B. Richburg  
Washington Post Service

MANILA — Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, the archbishop of Manila, said Sunday the government's failure to carry out land reform program was "in great measure" responsible for last week's shooting deaths of at least 12 demonstrators near the presidential palace.

As the cardinal made his remarks, about a hundred demonstrators carried empty black coffins to Mendiola Bridge, the scene of the shooting, and unveiled a black banner that read: "Happy birthday Cory" in grim reference to President Corason C. Aquino's 54th birthday Sunday.

In a strong pastoral letter, read at the Manila Cathedral, Cardinal Sin said: "We ask our government, in the wake of this tragedy, to turn its attention to the issues of land reform and the concerns most closely related with it."

The government's "credibility," he said, depends upon "its sincerity and readiness to act in this area."

"We realize that what has been beyond the capacities of past government for so many decades, and perhaps centuries," he said, "cannot be adequately resolved in a few months. But realistic implementation of programs must begin, with all deliberate speed."

Cardinal Sin's message seemed likely to add to the pressure on Mrs. Aquino, who has been sharply criticized even among her supporters for moving too slowly on carrying out a land reform program.

Cardinal Sin's remarks were considered especially significant because he is one of the president's most influential private advisers and he has used public criticisms to focus attention on problems such as disputes in the cabinet and the failure to curb endemic government corruption.

The protest march last week began as a weakling sit-in at the Agrarian Reform Ministry by peasant farmers demanding that the government distribute public lands and land taken from associates of Ferdinand E. Marcos, the former president. The peasants were also demanding that Mrs. Aquino demonstrate her commitment to land reform by starting with her own family estate, Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac Province.

On Friday, the day after the shootings, the presidential press spokesman, Teodoro Benigno, said that despite the violence, "the issues brought up by the farmers and peasants are legitimate issues." He reiterated the Aquino government's commitment to land reform.

When Mrs. Aquino refused to meet with the peasant farmers, they marched to the presidential palace and were joined by leftist demonstrators and other groups.

The military claims to have received reports that the protesters included agents of the Communist Party of the Philippines and its military wing, the New People's Army, who wanted to provoke a confrontation.

The shooting began when the crowd surged against a police line and troops responded with rifle fire. Government officials complicated the firearms used by the protesters and tested their hands for gunpowder burns as part of an investigation into who fired the fatal shots.

The toll from the confrontation was 12 dead and about 100 people wounded, based on telephone calls to area hospitals. However, Mrs. Aquino, in a weekend speech, reported 15 dead. Leftist organizers of the rally contended that at least 18 died.

The final death toll may never be accurately determined. But it is clear that the shootings have become the most severe crisis of Mrs. Aquino's presidency, at a time when she is trying to mobilize public support for a new constitution scheduled for a plebiscite on Feb. 2.

In an analysis Sunday in the Manila Chronicle, Amancio Doronila, the editor, warned that the shootings shocked the middle-class liberals who form the base of Mrs. Aquino's constituency.

"There is now the danger that she would be using their support, especially at this critical juncture, for the ratification of the draft constitution," he wrote. He cautioned that Mrs. Aquino "may find her middle ground — her main source of political strength — severely eroded."

Mr. Quintos said the members would meet Monday with Mrs. Aquino.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Spanish Students Plan More Protests

MADRID (Reuters) — Leaders of the high-school student protests in Spain said Sunday that more protests were planned for this week, and a poll published by the newspaper El Pais showed that 67 percent of the Spaniards questioned believed that students had legitimate grievances. Thirteen percent backed the government.

The Student Union leader, Juan Ignacio Ramos, said students would boycott classes Monday to demand the resignation of Interior Minister José Barrionuevo Peña, whom they hold responsible for the police action Friday that left 24 injured in Madrid.

A rival group, Student Coordinator, has called for an indefinite strike and a protest meeting in Madrid on Tuesday and has demanded the resignation of Education Minister José María Maravall Herrero.

### U.K. Conservatives Gain in Survey

LONDON (AP) — The Conservative Party held an eight-point lead over the opposition Labor Party in an opinion poll published Sunday in The Observer. The weekly newspaper said it was the best showing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's party had made in a poll in more than two years.

The Harris poll showed the Conservatives with 44 percent, Labor with 36 percent and the centrist alliance of Social Democrats and Liberals with 18 percent. On Friday, however, Labor had a five-point lead over the Conservatives in a Gallup poll commissioned by the Daily Telegraph.

The Observer poll of 1,095 voters was carried out Tuesday to Thursday nationwide. The Conservatives won re-election in 1983 with 44 percent of the vote. Mrs. Thatcher has to call a general election by June 1988 and is widely expected to do so this year.

### Peres to Meet EC Ministers in Brussels

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel will meet European Community foreign ministers here Monday amid skepticism about his call for a more active European role in bringing peace to the Middle East, diplomats said Sunday.

Mr. Peres was to be in Brussels for annual consultations between the European Community and Israel on political and economic issues. Before formally meeting the ministers, he is to have talks with Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans of Belgium, the current president of the EC Council of Ministers.

During a visit to London last week, Mr. Peres received a cool response from British leaders to his call for greater European involvement in the Middle East. Diplomats said most other EC nations shared the British attitude, although Mr. Tindemans has said EC ministers would meet to discuss if there is room for a European bid to reactivate Mideast peace efforts.

### Bombing Precedes Kuwait Meeting

KUWAIT (NYT) — A small bomb exploded behind a police station here, two days before a meeting of leaders of Moslem nations was scheduled to begin Monday.

Although the bomb appeared to cause no serious damage or injuries on Saturday, it appeared likely to increase the tension surrounding the meeting of The Islamic Conference Organization. Iran is boycotting the meeting and several terrorist groups, including the Islamic Jihad, have threatened Kuwait if the meeting goes ahead.

On Jan. 19, three bombs went off at about the same time at Kuwait's main offshore oil shipping terminal at Sea Island and two other oil installations, setting fires that reportedly caused serious damage.

### Japan Drops Cap on Military Budget

TOKYO (NYT) — Japan has formally dropped a policy that had put a cap on yearly increases in military spending. But it coupled the action with a promise to stay "a peace-loving nation."

A government statement said Saturday, "The fundamental defense concept of Japan under its Peace Constitution is to maintain an exclusive, by defensive posture and not to become a military power that presents a threat to other nations."

The statement was intended to deflect criticism as Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's cabinet did away with a decade-old requirement that had confined the annual military budget to less than 1 percent of the Japanese gross national product. The policy, established in 1976, was breached for the first time last month when the government approved a \$23 billion military budget for 1987, equivalent to 1.04 percent of projections for the GNP, which measures the total value of a nation's goods and services.

### \$70 Million Pledged to Africa Fund

NEW DELHI (UPI) — Nine nonaligned nations launched a worldwide appeal Sunday for contributions to the Africa Fund that would help frontline black African states break their economic dependence on South Africa.

An official said that almost \$70 million had been raised in initial pledges, with India giving \$39 million, Nigeria \$15 million and Peru \$10 million after the closing session of a two-day meeting to formulate plans for administering the program.

### Police Said to Hold Kenya Lawmaker

NAIROBI (AFP) — An outspoken member of Parliament, Abuyot Abuya, was picked up Saturday by security police and taken to an unknown destination, press reports in Kenya said Sunday.

It was not known why Mr. Abuya had been picked up by the Special Branch police, the reports said. The authorities seized his passport in August 1982.

Mr. Abuya entered Parliament in 1979 and often has been critical of prominent Kenyan political figures. He has been identified with a group of young deputies known for their relatively outspoken and often critical views of Kenya's one-party political system.

### Belgium's Language Dispute Flares

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The tension between Belgium's two major language communities mounted further Sunday following the firing of four French-speaking welfare board members for insufficient knowledge of Dutch.

The president of the communal social security administration in a village on the outskirts of Brussels and three administrative deputies in a neighboring village were dismissed by a Flemish court, newspapers reported, because the two villages, although mainly Francophone, are administratively within a Dutch-speaking area.

Belgium's center-right government has come close to collapse as its members have wrangled over how to resolve the issue of Jose Happort, the mayor of the mainly French-speaking Foutous group of villages who was suspended for refusing to use Dutch, the province's main language, in carrying out his duties.

### For the Record

The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe resumes Tuesday in Vienna with 35 states considering initiatives on East-West cooperation on security, human rights and economic issues. (Reuters)

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# Hospitalized CIA Chief Expected to Quit Soon

By Lou Cannon  
Washington Post Service  
WASHINGTON — William J. Casey, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who is recuperating after the removal of a cancerous brain tumor, will "resign soon," according to a Republican source close to the Reagan administration.

The source said Mr. Casey, 73, would return home from Georgetown University Hospital this week and soon afterward offer his resignation to President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Casey is a close friend and confidant of Mr. Reagan and served as manager of his 1980 presidential campaign.

A senior White House official said that he was "aware of reports that Mr. Casey may resign" and that "the president will be guided by his wishes."

The CIA denied Friday that Mr. Casey would resign as early as this week.

Officially, White House aides have maintained that no search is under way for a successor to Mr. Casey. But officials acknowledged last week that the White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, had talked with Howard H. Baker Jr., the former Senate Republican leader from Tennessee, about taking the job.

According to sources, Mr. Baker insisted that the request be made by the president rather than by Mr. Regan. These sources said that Mr. Regan, either through a misunderstanding or deliberately, then told the president that Mr. Baker was not interested in the job.

Mr. Regan then called Mr. Baker and told him he was sorry he was not interested in the job, the sources said.

The source who said that Mr. Casey would resign soon identified three potential replacements: William H. Webster, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Senator Malcolm Wallop, Republican of Wyoming; and John G. Tower, former Republican senator of Texas.

Other sources said, however, that possible successors included Robert M. Gates, who is acting CIA director in Mr. Casey's absence, and Brent Scowcroft, who served as national security adviser to President Gerald R. Ford.



William J. Casey

# Hostages Were Reagan's Main Concern, North Said

By Walter Pincus and Bill Peterson  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North said in November that President Ronald Reagan's primary interest in approving an initiative to Iran that included secret arms sales was freeing U.S. hostages in Lebanon, according to notes held by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Colonel North said that whenever he or Robert C. McFarlane, a former former national security adviser, tried to talk to Mr. Reagan about the geopolitical aspects of the arms sales, such as the broader goal of reaching moderates in the Iranian government, "the president would steer the conversation to the extensive notes said Saturday.

Colonel North's comments were made during a Nov. 22 interview with Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d, from which the notes were made.

"I would say we have to view this in a geopolitical context and the president would keep coming back to the hostages," the source quoted Colonel North as saying to Mr. Meese.

"No matter what we did," the former National Security Council aide was quoted as saying, Mr. Reagan "wanted to talk about the hostages."

The Senate committee staff has obtained other evidence, including notes from NSC meetings, that support the conclusion that Mr. Reagan's advisers "were thinking in larger terms, but Reagan wasn't," this source said.

Mr. Reagan's preoccupation with the hostages has been frequently cited since the clandestine arms sales to Iran became public.

Mr. Meese's account to the Senate panel of what Colonel North told him of Mr. Reagan's motivation appears at odds with Mr. Reagan's public statements on the issue. Mr. Reagan has repeatedly said he did not authorize an exchange of arms for hostages and that the major purpose of the initiative to Iran was geopolitical.

Colonel North made his statements to Mr. Meese as part of the attorney general's initial inquiry into the Iran affair, the weekend before Mr. Meese announced that money from the arms sales to Iran had been diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels, known as contras.

Mr. Meese recounted to the Senate committee his version of that interview, but Colonel North has declined to answer questions, citing his Fifth Amendment privilege against possible self-incrimination.

Mr. Meese has not disclosed the contents of his Nov. 22 conversation with Colonel North other than to announce later that Colonel

North was aware that money from the arms sales had been diverted to the rebels.

A new report, which was being edited last weekend, has been drafted by the staff of the intelligence committee, which Democrats now control. The draft is expected to be circulated to committee members for their review this week.

It will contain more information about Mr. Reagan's role in the Iran initiative than the draft put together by the committee while under Republican control. That document "left out an awful lot of detail about Reagan," according to sources, and was never released.

The revised staff report will also contain information about Vice

President George Bush that had been left out of the earlier version primarily because it was "embarrassing," a source said.

Mr. Bush, who had chaired a cabinet-level task force on terrorism and has sometimes portrayed himself as an expert on the subject, was aware of the arms sales but was "not a player," according to a source who has reviewed the committee's records.

When Senate investigators interviewed participants in meetings where Iran arms decisions were made, a source said, they were repeatedly told that Mr. Bush was not present at those meetings even though he holds a seat on the NSC

and acts as a spokesman on terrorism policy.

The new report shows, a source said, "how totally irrelevant Bush has been to the whole affair. He was never there."

## Immunity Is Opposed

Lawrence E. Walsh, the court-appointed independent counsel investigating the Iran-contra affair, has urged congressional investigators not to grant immunity from prosecution to any witnesses until his work is finished, The Washington Post reported.

In a letter to Representative Lee H. Hamilton, Democrat of Indiana and chairman of the House select committee looking into the contro-

versy, Mr. Walsh warned that immunity granted at this stage would "create serious and perhaps insurmountable barriers to the prosecution of the witnesses."

Mr. Reagan, supported by a number of House and Senate Republicans, has proposed that limited immunity be granted to primary figures such as Colonel North and the former national security adviser, John M. Poindexter, who was Colonel North's supervisor and who also invoked his Fifth Amendment privilege.

Mr. Reagan's stated interest in seeing immunity granted is to get the facts out and the affair behind him as quickly as possible. Mr. Walsh's purpose, on the other

hand, is to determine whether crimes have been committed and, if so, to prosecute the perpetrators.

Under the law, Mr. Walsh is powerless to stop the committees from compelling testimony under a grant of immunity. But once such immunity has been granted, successful prosecution can be mounted only if the government can show that its evidence was gathered independent of the immunized testimony and of any leads derived from that testimony.

"The government's burden of proving the independent nature of its evidence is so great that successful prosecution usually would be extremely difficult," Mr. Walsh said in the letter.

## AMERICAN TOPICS

### Lawyers Criticized For Chasing Disasters

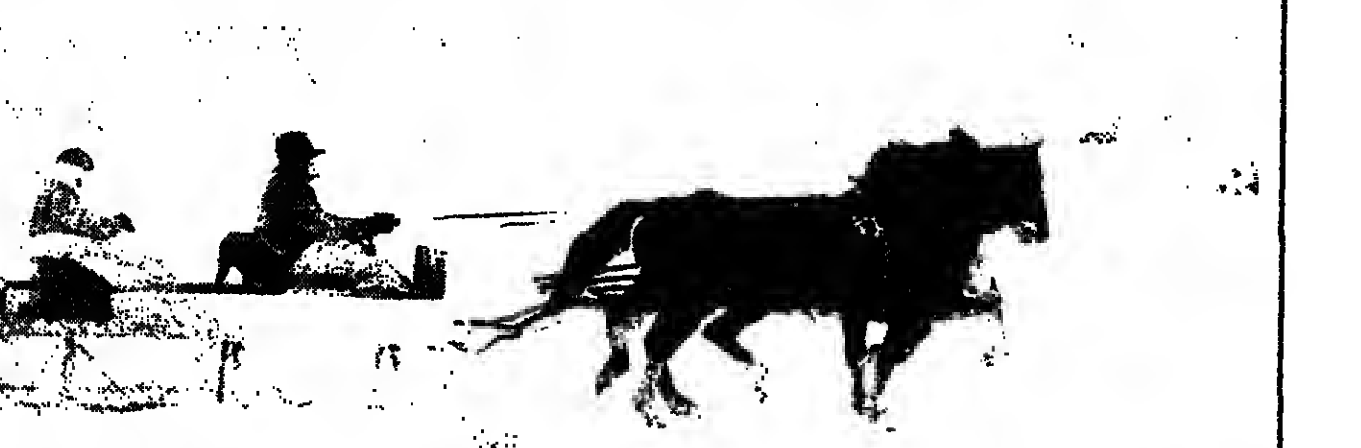
The legal profession is once again being accused of predatory conduct in rushing to disaster scenes — the Bhopal gas leak disaster of 1984, the Puerto Rico hotel fire on New Year's Eve, the Maryland train crash Jan. 4, The Washington Post reports.

Luis Davila Colon, the head of the Puerto Rican Bar Association, likened some mainland lawyers to "vultures who come to look for clients."

Lawyers have been called ambulance-chasers for as long as there have been lawyers and ambulances. But complaints have grown louder. Experts say this is because the practice of law has become more competitive, damage awards have reached astronomical heights, and the Supreme Court has expanded lawyers' right to advertise.

"There are more lawyers doing personal injury work than ever before," says David Austern of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. "The competition is very, very fierce."

Bot Professor Monroe H. Freedman of Hofstra University says: "The lawyers who are making these trips are earning their living, just by going to accident scenes, and doctors and medical technicians earn their living by going to accident scenes. The question is whether they are serving a positive social function, and it is clear to me that they are."



MAKING A GLIDING GO OF IT — A horse and sleigh glided along a road near Intercourse, Pennsylvania, hit by 15 inches of snow in a storm along the East Coast late last week. For many others, the going was

harder. Temperatures near zero Fahrenheit and high winds caused dangerous wind chills Saturday in the North. Freeze warnings were posted as far south as central Florida. The weather was a factor in 15 deaths.

## U.S. Rebuffed, Iranian Says

New York Times Service  
TEHRAN — The Foreign Ministry has rebuffed a final effort by the Reagan administration to maintain contacts with its government, according to Iran's president.

Speaking at the Friday prayers at Tehran University, the president, Ali Khamenei, appeared to describe an initiative undertaken by the Central Intelligence Agency in December, several weeks after the administration first said it had conducted a secret arms trade with Iran.

Apparently referring to a time after the administration's Iran initiative had collapsed, Mr. Khamenei said, according to an unofficial translation: "The Americans still tried to pursue their plans through the Foreign Ministry, but our brothers at the Foreign Ministry encountered them with the same Islamic stand as they had encountered the first time, and they demonstrated the steadfastness of the Iranian people to them."

## Princeton President Resigns

United Press International  
PRINCETON, New Jersey — William G. Bowen, the president of Princeton University since 1972, has resigned. He said Saturday that he would head the New-York based Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The president did not expand on this point in his rambling speech. No official text or translation of the speech was immediately available.

In its account of Mr. Khamenei's remarks, the official press agency paraphrased the president as saying the administration's overtures to the Foreign Ministry came "after its abortive attempt for a rapprochement with Iran last year."

In congressional testimony Thursday, Secretary of State George P. Shultz said the administration had continued contacts with the Iranians as late as last month.

## Short Takes

To make a congressional pay raise more palatable to the public, Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, the Senate majority leader, is exploring the possibility of tying it to stricter limits on outside speech-making. At present, members of Congress can earn up to 40 percent of their salaries on the lecture circuit. A salary increase to \$89,500, from \$79,500 will take effect automatically next month unless both houses of Congress vote to block it. This is considered unlikely.

A new product for the overweight, "Flavor Spray," gives the tongue the huoger-quenching taste of apple-cinnamon Danish rolls, chocolate, or peanut butter and jelly. The inventor is Susan Schiffman, a Duke University nutrition psychologist, who says that 20 seconds after a squirt of the

## Neo-Nazis Countered

West of the Hudson  
Mayor Ray Stone of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and fellow townspeople who stood up to a neo-Nazi group called Aryan Nations came to New York to receive the Raoul Wallenberg award, named after the Swedish diplomat who disappeared in Soviet custody after saving thousands of Hungarian Jews during World War II.

The town of 20,000 set up a task force to help blacks who said they had been harassed by Aryan Nations. It lobbied successfully for a state law making such harassment a felony. It set up a countercelebration to be held each year on the same day the

## Notes About People

The Hollywood screenwriter Ring Lardner Jr. spent a year in jail in 1950-51 for refusing to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities whether he was a Communist. "I could not answer that question," he testified, "but I would hate myself in the morning." Now 71, Mr. Lardner

reflected during a tourist visit to Moscow this month, "I still think some form of socialism is a more rational way to organize society. But I recognize it hasn't worked anywhere yet."

Robert Young, 79, told The New York Times he has been turning down parts which "the networks euphemistically call cameo roles." He said: "I call them bits, and am very good bits. Basically, they are just using your name to sucker in a few viewers."

But he accepts having been typecast as the perennial good guy: "I know a lot of actors complain about it. But the studios and the networks don't typecast players. The public typecasts players, and if you fight that, you're fighting fate. Actors always want to display their versatility. At times I felt that and I tried playing a villain, and I played to empty theaters."

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**State of the President**

What is new is not the state of the Union but the state of the president. Starting suddenly, on successive days last November, the Reagan administration changed. Six years of genial inactivity have faded fast, and that is why the president's report to Congress on Tuesday ranks in importance with his first one. It will show whether Ronald Reagan, whose resilience has been so often underestimated, can bounce back once again. The chances are strong that he cannot, at least not all the way.

loves it, as David Stockman has explained: The deficit rigorously discourages any idea of spending another dime for social welfare. But that tower of debt, along with its twin tower, the trade deficit, now cast ever darker shadows. To dare Congress to raise revenues is not leadership; it is playing chicken with our children's money.

There is no end of important goals, like a credible anti-terror policy, a constant policy on drugs, insuring against catastrophic medical expenses. This speech will lay out the agenda for the rest of the Reagan presidency. If he means to be taken seriously, five subjects loom largest.

By his choices on Tuesday, President Reagan will show whether he is tired, merely bating down to protect past achievements, or whether he still wants to ride somewhere. By his speech he will tell how he means to be remembered: as a partisan who succeeded as president of the right, or as president of all the people.

**Stand Up to Terrorism**

With the kidnapping of two German hostages in Beirut, West Germany's handling of the Hamadei case has gone into slow gear. One immediate reason has been the national election; reasonably enough, the government wanted to avoid anything that might have a last-minute impact on the voting. Beyond that, the legal situation is not simple. Mohammed Ali Hamadei was arrested at Frankfurt airport carrying explosives. The United States has charged that he is one of the two terrorists who hijacked a TWA airliner in June 1985 and murdered an American passenger, a young navy diver. The Germans will have to decide where he is to be tried first, for what, and whether to extradite him.

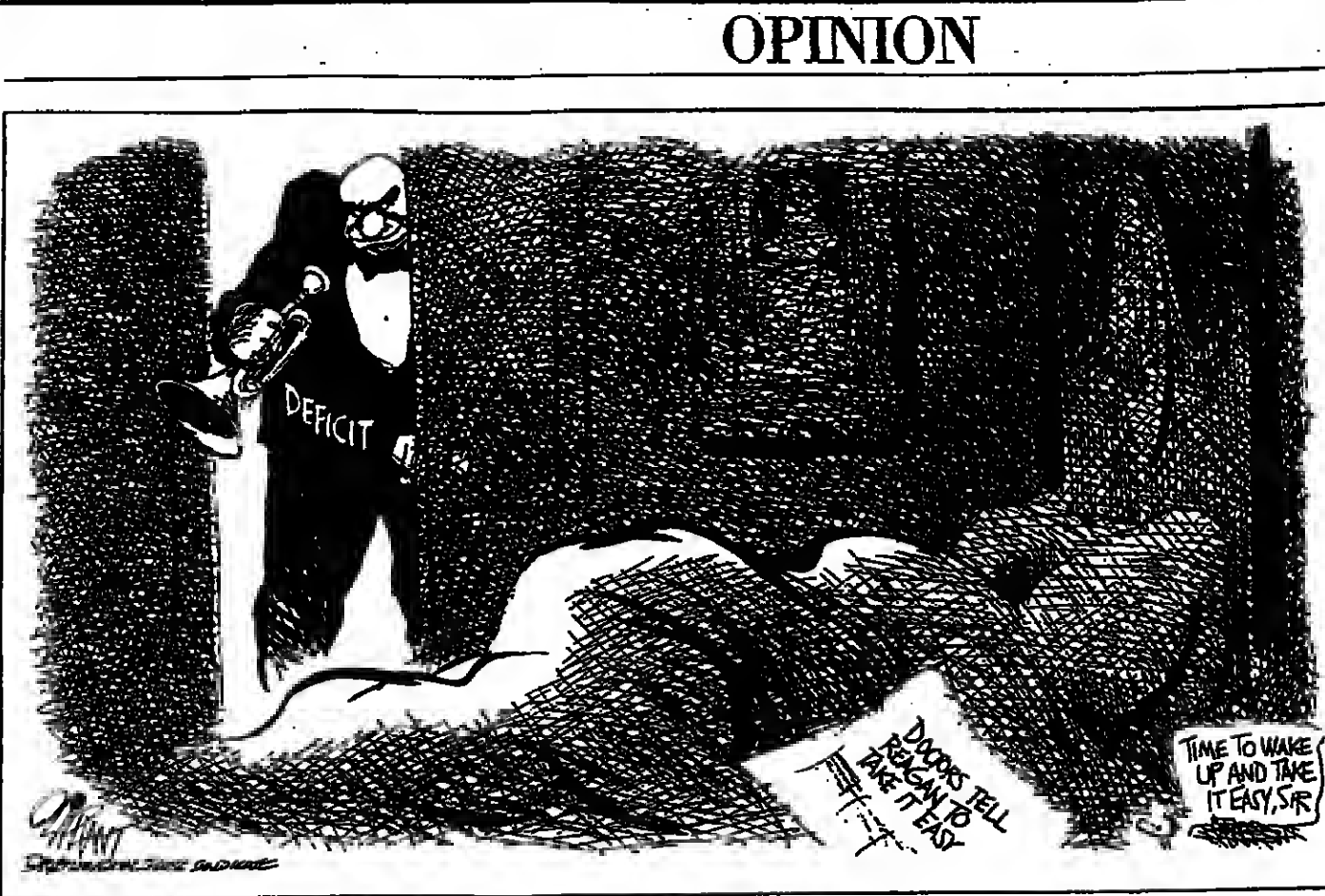
against terrorist violence unenforceable. But governments, swayed by pleas from hostages' families and friends, and fearing blame for another death in Beirut, sometimes find it expedient to waffle and surrender. The Germans are justified in observing that the Reagan administration, in the Iran fiasco, has set the world a new inspiring example of courage and rigor in dealing with terrorists who hold hostages.

**Defense Centers Hold**

In two very different and important nations, there is a discernible shift away from the long-held belief that voters are allergic to any increase in nonnuclear defense spending. On Friday Japan agreed to end a decade-old policy of keeping military expenditures below 1 percent of gross national product. And in Britain the opposition Labor Party finds it expedient to proclaim the need to strengthen NATO's conventional forces. This is a welcome shift, although the new Laborite gift horse comes with a mouthful of old teeth.

more from Tokyo in the common defense, but not so hard as to trigger a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

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**Angola: 'Mutual Interests' With the United States**

**C**ABINDA, Angola — Deputy Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura felt the urge to address the men having lunch in the mess hall. He introduced Representative Mickey Leland, a Democrat from Houston. He said he wanted to explain why "Americans should be welcomed as friends although Angola has no diplomatic relations with the U.S. and Washington is helping the armed bandits." That was a reference to Jonas Savimbi's South African-supported UNITA rebels.

The official U.S. stand is that some arms for Mr. Savimbi's rebels, called "freedom fighters" in Reaganese, will induce Angola to send home Cuban troops and Soviet military advisers, open negotiations for a power-sharing deal with UNITA and move away from ties with Moscow. In fact, it associates the United States with South Africa in African eyes.

(eight million) and potentially very rich country twice the size of France. Nine-tenths of the country is considered unsecured. The main victims of the war are civilians, who suffer directly and indirectly through hunger, lack of jobs and economic near paralysis. Unlike Mozambique, the other big former Portuguese colony in southern Africa, Angola has not moved much from its pro-Soviet position and Marxist orthodoxy in the direction of pragmatic reforms.

**The Good News From the East Looks Exaggerated**

**W**ASHINGTON — There is a great, mostly unspoken hope in the air, blowing in from the east, bearing news from the Soviet Union and China. The hope against hope is that we have been wrong about totalitarianism.

rebellion that the leadership is desperately trying to put down. To be sure, the revolution originated from above with economic reforms now almost a decade old. But these have taken root in society and threaten to oust the party control. First farmers are allowed to sell to market. Then factory managers are given control of their enterprises. Now students demand democracy.

innocence as if some isolated aboriginal tribe had just hit on the idea of the wheel.

**Reagan: Asking for Some More Contra Trouble**

**W**ASHINGTON — Sneak previews have it that the contra and the Nicaraguan contras will be front and center among President Reagan's concerns in his State of the Union address tomorrow. For the president, dismantling the "second Cuba" is more than a goal; according to close associates, it is an obsession.

The Senate margin for the contra last year was close (53 to 47) and the Democrats now have a 10-vote majority. The new House speaker, Jim Wright, thinks Mr. Meese's disclosure that up to \$30 million from arms sales to Iran was skimmed off for the contra "makes it much more unlikely" that the House will sustain last year's narrow 221-to-209 vote.

report, will have until Feb. 15 to vote to block further disbursements.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**  
**Better Some Than None?**  
In the debate on the Strategic Defense Initiative we often hear it asked whether the SDI can be 100 percent effective, as if that were the only important point. What if the Soviet Union or the United States attained 50 percent effectiveness in an SDI system? Would that be tantamount to a 50 percent reduction of the adversary's nuclear delivery capability?  
Suppose both superpowers had SDI capabilities of less than 100 percent. Would that make an improvement of SDI capability more attractive to each than an increase of its nuclear strike ability? Would spending on more atomic bombs be con-

**1912: A Victory for Taft**  
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**High Time For Brandt To Let Go**  
By Jim Hoagland

**B**ONN — Few outsiders view West Germany dispassionately. As the famous line about the Germans being "either at your throat or your feet" suggests, many Americans think in extremes, and with distrust about this country that America has fought twice in this century.

It is time to revise such exaggerated and emotional thinking about post-war German society, which has actually succeeded beyond expectations in developing consensus at the center and containing its extremists on the fringes. The just completed national campaign for the Bundestag provides the perfect moment to do so.

Mr. Brandt brought Ostpolitik to life when he became chancellor in 1969 and launched the SPD on its 13-year domination of West German politics. Despite the exaggerated American suspicions of any German talking to any Russian, Mr. Brandt pursued a policy of contact with the East bloc that led to family and commercial exchanges that proved immensely popular with the West German electorate.

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INSIGHTS

Arms Dealer to Iran Reports Israeli-Saudi Role

By Joseph Fitchett

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — U.S. arms deliveries to Iran involved indirect cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Israel, according to an intermediary in the sales, Jacob Nimrodi.

Mr. Nimrodi, an Israeli arms dealer and former intelligence agent, said that leaders in both countries believed that the operation offered an opportunity to bring Iran closer to the West.

Mr. Nimrodi said that he and his partner, Al Schwimmer, founder of Israel Aircraft Industries, worked with Adnan M. Khashoggi, a Saudi businessman with close ties to the royal family of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Nimrodi's version of events, provided in a recent interview, describes covert Middle Eastern alliances aimed at containing extremist Moslem fundamentalism in Iran.

His remarks appeared designed to deflect rising public criticism of the role of arms dealers in the formulation of U.S. policy. His account was confirmed in substance, although not always in detail, by other participants.

Mr. Nimrodi contended that Middle Eastern diplomacy is often handled by arms dealers because leaders in the region hesitate to trust their intelligence services with such unorthodox contacts.

U.S. contacts with Iran that were brokered by arms dealers, Mr. Nimrodi contended, produced results until the contacts were pre-empted by U.S. officials.

Mr. Nimrodi says his expertise is based on nearly 15 years in Tehran as an intelligence operative heading an Israeli military mission that trained the shah's forces and sold weapons.

After retiring in 1974, he returned to Tehran as a businessman where he amassed a fortune, often as an agent of the shah's relatives.

His activities established him in an informal international group of arms tycoons, including Mr. Khashoggi, with secret channels to political leaders. Mr. Khashoggi generally is considered the most important figure in the business.

Mr. Nimrodi contends that he and Mr. Khashoggi share a capacity for international intrigue and a visionary enthusiasm for a peaceful Middle East that benefits from what he called "Jewish brains and Arab wealth."

Challenging the media image of Mr. Khashoggi as simply a playboy who amasses fortunes in extravagant and questionable commissions, Mr. Nimrodi said: "This man has done amazing things to try for peace, to help Saudi Arabia, to help the Arabs and the Palestinians, and even, yes, to help Israel."



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risks of his life and for things that he didn't have to do for money," he said.

Mr. Khashoggi, he said, had organized numerous meetings between Israeli and Arab leaders, including prominent Palestinians; obtained help from Sudan's leader at the time, Gaafar Nimeiri, in bringing black Jews out of Ethiopia; and conveyed an offer from Faid for a \$100-million fund for regional development if Israel would allow the Saudi flag to fly over the Al-Aqsa Mosque in old Jerusalem.

Mr. Khashoggi offered a \$50 million investment if Israel would compromise with Egypt over the Taba enclave on the Sinai.

A spokesman for Mr. Khashoggi would only confirm that he and Mr. Nimrodi had attended meetings with Iranian and U.S. officials. He declined to characterize Mr. Khashoggi's relations with Faid.

According to Mr. Nimrodi, Mr. Khashoggi became involved with Saudi policy toward Iran in early 1980, shortly after Moslem extremists took over the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Islam's holiest shrine.

Mr. Khashoggi put Saudi officials in touch with an Iranian informant, Manucher Ghorbanifar, an Iranian businessman with links to SAVAK, the shah's internal security service, who had become a foreign-based adviser to Iran's revolutionary government.

He reportedly provided information about plans for terrorism by the new Iranian regime that enabled the Saudi Arabians to take countermeasures. "His warnings were coupled with demands for arms for his Iranian sources, and the Saudis thought of him not as a spy but as an emissary of moderate Iranians," Mr. Nimrodi said.

"I don't know what people mean by 'moderates,' these are people ready to do anything — they have their own vision — but I guess the word will do as well as any," Mr. Nimrodi said, adding: "What they are, is pro-Western."

In early 1983, Mr. Ghorbanifar told the Saudis that these Iranian factions felt that they urgently needed direct contacts with the United States for help in what he called a power struggle with leftist, pro-Soviet factions.

At about the same time, Shimon Peres, then prime minister of Israel, was visited by Michael Ledeen, a consultant working for the U.S. National Security Council. Could Israel, he reportedly asked, help the United States cope more effectively with Iran?

Mr. Nimrodi said that Mr. Ledeen specifically wanted help in freeing William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut who was taken hostage in March that year. Mr. Ledeen says that "the subject of hostages did not come up," but he acknowledges that his session with Mr. Peres led to U.S.-Iranian meetings brokered by Mr. Nimrodi and Mr. Khashoggi.

According to Mr. Nimrodi, Mr. Peres told Mr. Nimrodi, his partner, Mr. Schwimmer, and David Kimche, a former deputy head of Mossad, Israel's intelligence service, and former director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, to "handle this for Israel's interests and pick up any money to be made."

Mr. Peres has disputed that Mr. Nimrodi and his friends were "assigned" a mission, and he subsequently put his own side in charge of liaison with the United States on Iran. But Mr. Nimrodi maintains that "people like Mr. Schwimmer and Mr. Kimche, they do not just happen to get involved in things except where Israel's interest is involved."

The Israeli group then met with Iranian emissaries, who were accompanied by Mr. Ghorbanifar and Mr. Khashoggi. Mr. Nimrodi, reading from what he said were minutes of their discussions, quoted the Iranians as saying: "We know that leftists are waiting to emerge" when Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's leader, dies. "Help us unite — we will take dramatic steps to show you we are serious," he quoted the Iranians as saying.

During these initial discussions, the Iranians mistook the Israelis for U.S. officials, Mr. Nimrodi said. Mr. Ledeen took part in subsequent talks, which led to the first arms delivery in September 1985, involving TOW anti-tank missiles from Israeli stocks, and the release of one U.S. hostage.

Mr. Nimrodi denies making a profit on the transaction.

Very quickly, Mr. Nimrodi claimed, U.S. officials became overly eager on the hostage issue.

"The stupidity. It makes me crazy to think what they try to do when they don't know these people, how they think," he said. Pointing to the desk in his living room near Hyde Park in London, he told Robert C. McFarlane, the former U.S. national security adviser, who "sat there, first lecturing the Iranian emissaries like a Boy Scout, then demanding they give all the hostages back at once, and then pleading."

"He kept saying, 'Give me the hostages, and everything is possible — aid, missions, whatever you want,'" Mr. Nimrodi quoted Mr. McFarlane as saying. "The Iranians kept saying, 'Give us weapons, then you get a hostage, let us go a step at a time.'"

After that meeting, in December 1985, and after two weapons deliveries, Mr. Nimrodi said, he and his colleagues were supplanted as handlers of the contacts by U.S. officials, including Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, whom Mr. Nimrodi characterizes as lacking subtlety.

Mr. Nimrodi's own philosophy of dealing with Iranians is anchored in a parable about the Iranian mentality. An Iranian is drowning, and a passer-by says, "Give me your hand," but the Iranian in the water prefers to die rather than "give" his hand, Mr. Nimrodi continued: "Another Iranian comes by and says: 'Take my hand, take it' — and he will convince the drowning Iranian to accept the offer and save his own life."

Ignorance of how to deal with Iranian susceptibilities, Mr. Nimrodi said, frayed the guarded trust which the arms dealers managed to maintain until December 1985.

He was involved in the second big arms shipment to Iran on Nov. 2, 1985, involving Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. The transaction went wrong when the Iranians unpacked the missiles and found that they were an old model, not the improved Hawks they had been promised, he said.

The Iranians were outraged. In Geneva, Ayatollah Khomeini, a deputy prime minister working with Mr. Nimrodi, collapsed with a stroke at the news. Mr. Nimrodi managed to calm the Iranians by immediately refunding their down payment.

He speculated that the old Hawks were substituted for the newer version Hawks by Israeli military officers. "I think it was just thinking small, thinking they would ship out old ones and keep the new ones coming from the States. They were thinking small, it's so stupid."

Similar short-term political reflexes in the United States, he said, exposed the Iranian connection prematurely. "When the second hostage," the Reverend Lawrence M. Jenco, "was released, the Syrian government claimed that it had helped, probably because it was trying to fight its reputation as a terrorist state," he said.

President Ronald Reagan refused to allow Syria any credit, and Mr. Nimrodi speculated that Syrian officials, in reprisal, tipped off a Beirut magazine about the U.S.-Iran deal. "So much stupidity," he said, implying that U.S. officials' eagerness to take public credit for the hostage releases had compromised the strategic objective of strengthening anti-Soviet Iranians.

On Warsaw's Food Lines, Boorishness in Long Supply

By Thomas Netter

International Herald Tribune

WARSAW — Five years ago, just before the declaration of martial law, a friend mortally wounded the Solidarity union and still the brief flash of freedom of expression it conferred, a friend asked why journalists always wrote sterile stories about politics, strikes and economics but seldom paid attention to why mothers found it difficult or impossible to get milk for their children.

That question has haunted me ever since. It came to mind again during a recent visit to Poland in a story told by another friend who was trying to get milk for her children after the radiation leak at the Soviet nuclear plant at Chernobyl.

The woman, who has two children, told how she waited in line to get packages of powdered milk after fresh milk was banned. When she finally reached the counter, the clerk refused to give her the milk because the necessary chit on her ration card had already been moved by mistake to no avail. Unable to purchase the powdered milk, and bitterly frustrated, she first begged the shop assistant, then burst into tears.

In the West, one hears of "defiant" Poles, misled under a creed of opposition to the government and that Poles are "freer" than their neighbors in Eastern Europe. Within Poland, it is another story. Yes, the dissidents continue their planning and clandestine meetings, and the underground publishers produce leaflets, newspapers and books. But everyday life is still hard.

People who know the Poles intimately know them to be, by and large, a friendly, hospitable people. But that clerk's indifference is a sad and telling example of what one Polish friend calls a "socialist boorishness" that has set in, repeating itself more and more in public life.

Deprived of a voice in the running of society or their daily lives, many Poles have moved inward — behind the doors of their apartments, behind a wall of frustration, anger and despair or, like the shop clerk, behind a veneer of indifference.

"Your problem is not my problem, so leave me alone," is a prevailing attitude of many people. What one Polish friend calls a "lack of collective consciousness, or the ability to take collective action" is widely apparent. Despite the relative improvement in the shops — on the eve of martial law five years ago there was virtually nothing available — I found a heavy sense of futility and even depression in the post-holiday, Warsaw gloom.

Prices have skyrocketed, inflation is at 30 percent, and salaries have failed to keep pace. Poles still somehow find enough money, enough food and enough household goods to get by. But it's difficult. Lines are everywhere, with their own, demoralizing dynamic objective of strengthening anti-Soviet Iranians.

In one instance, as a clerk wrapped a

purchase for me, the pressure in the line behind me began to build. An older woman began to lean on me, pushing without reason to get further ahead in the line, tightening up the gaps between us. There was a look on her face of impatience, irritation, almost as if I offended her by being first.

Nearby, line after line of customers shuffled to buy basic goods: cheese, bread, meat, milk, eggs, vodka, vegetables. A shop assistant at the head of each line, dressed in a white smock, her eyes dulled by the monotony of her task, demanded in a shrill voice, "Who's next?" then automatically handed over the goods.

On the next line, the next shop assistant. This is the reality beyond the memorials,

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the dramatic public events, the legal or illegal gatherings to commemorate the innumerable anniversaries of victories and defeats, triumphs and tragedies that define Poland's history.

If the shops are selling goods, why are there the lines, the interminable waits, the indifferent, often rude clerks? Aren't things supposed to be better after five years of "normalization"?

In basic terms, they are, but in human terms there are not. Life in Poland today is a time-consuming, debilitating exercise in pushing one's way through a system more suited to the 19th century. It is worsened by bitter memories of the "war," as the Poles call the state of emergency imposed on Dec. 13, 1981, and the consistent re-entrenchment of state authority in all organizations since then.

Talk abounds of another period of demands for reform, as prices rise and the workers' ability to buy declines. One evening in central Warsaw, I joined a crowd of people looking in vain for a streetcar. As one streetcar after the other passed, either off-duty or the wrong number, the crowd moved, from one stop to another, growing in size with each move, numbing louder with each passing vehicle.

It was an absurd scene that would seem facile and overly theatrical were it not happening on the cold, frozen slush of Warsaw. Somehow, that shuffling crowd of unhappy people, numbing to themselves and desperately seeking a way home, was all too real.

General News

Soviet Livestock Expert Gets Exit Visa for U.S.

Industry Secrets Cited in 12-Year Delay

By Marvyn Howe

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Lev Blitshteyn, the man who was said to know too much about meat storage in the Soviet Union, has learned that he can leave to join his family in the United States.

"Finally we have lived until the moment I am being let go," Mr. Blitshteyn said Friday in a call from Moscow to his son, Boris, in Manhattan, New Jersey.

The 56-year-old former employee of the Ministry of the Meat and Dairy Industry will soon see his three grandchildren for the first time and be reunited with his wife, who divorced him in 1975 to be eligible to emigrate.

During the last 12 years, Mr. Blitshteyn, a Jew, has been refused permission to leave on the ground that he knew secrets about the Soviet meat industry.

Emigration from the Soviet Union in general is restricted, but Jews have been permitted to leave in large numbers over the years on grounds of family reunification.

Some requests have been rejected in cases where the authorities contended that the applicant was privy to secret information in government employment.

The visa office informed Lev Blitshteyn that his request had been approved just a few days before he was due to start a hunger strike. He told his son that he and his 80-year-old mother planned to leave in a few weeks.

An authority on livestock breeding and meat processing, Mr. Blitshteyn first applied with his family to emigrate in August 1974, but his application was rejected.

After Mr. Blitshteyn protested the decision in letters to Soviet officials, he lost his job, his telephone was disconnected and his apartment was bugged, his son said.

■ Soviet Frees Patient

A Soviet airline navigator who was forcibly committed to a psychiatric hospital after applying to emigrate was discharged Saturday after an appeal from Andrei D. Sakharov, the dissident physicist, according to the navigator's daughter, The New York Times reported from Moscow.

Ladmila Yevyukov said her father, Serafim, 54, had been forcibly hospitalized since July in a psychiatric clinic outside Moscow, where she said he received more than 110 injections of tranquilizers.



Alexei Semyonov, left, reunited with his stepfather, Andrei D. Sakharov, in Moscow.

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■ Bomber's Son in Moscow

Alexei Semyonov, the stepson of Mr. Sakharov and the son of Yelena G. Bomber, returned to Moscow on Saturday nearly nine years after emigrating to the United States, The Associated Press reported from Moscow.

Mr. Semyonov, who brought a home computer for his stepfather, was accompanying a group of U.S. college administrators on a three-day human rights visit to Moscow.

Mr. Sakharov, the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, embraced his stepson at the airport after more than an hour's wait while the visitors checked through customs.

Mr. Semyonov did not go to the airport because "he doesn't feel very well," Mr. Sakharov said. "Her health is not good."

Tambo Defends Use of Violence

White Deaths Give Blacks Hope, ANC Chief Says in U.S.

By Neil A. Lewis

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The head of the African National Congress, Oliver Tambo, has offered a stark defense of the use of violence by his followers, saying the occasional killing of South African whites gives hope to blacks and will make white people "used to bleeding."

Mr. Tambo complained bitterly in an interview about the criticism by some, including the U.S. State Department, of his group's violent tactics and its long association with the South African Communist Party.

The African National Congress is the principal organization fighting to topple the Pretoria government.

Although he said his organization did not officially approve of the killing of civilians, he described some of the consequences of such deaths as beneficial.

He said that blacks had been killed in such numbers that they had come to expect it. But when they learn that a white has died in the violence that has become a common feature of the South African political situation, he said, "that kind of thing comes like a drop of rain after a long drought."

Whites, in turn, "are used to blacks being killed," he said, but "they are not used to bleeding themselves."

Mr. Tambo said Thursday in the interview that white people in South Africa and many of his critics were astonishingly indifferent in the large number of black children and youths who he said had been killed by Pretoria's security forces.

"When it's a white child," he added, "it's something else."

He said the death of white children aroused a great response among whites who otherwise would remain in their "own world."

More than 2,000 people, almost all of them unwhitened, have been killed in outbreaks of violence in South Africa over the last two years. A few white children have been killed, and their deaths have received great attention in the white South African press.

Mr. Tambo also said he understood why militant youths in South Africa's black townships have chosen to kill suspected informers by a method known as "necklacing."

The victim's hands are tied and a tire soaked with gasoline is placed around the neck and ignited.

"We don't like it, but we understand it," he said. "When a person experiences brutality they want to retaliate. They feel they must kill in

a special way to give satisfaction to their bitterness."

His remarks come at a time when the African National Congress is coming under intense scrutiny in Washington and European capitals. The outlawed congress has been making an aggressive bid for respectability both among those governments and South African whites.

Mr. Tambo spoke in the midst of a hectic visit to the United States of which the highlight is to be a meeting Wednesday in Washington with Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

The State Department has stressed that the meeting does not represent approval of the group, but rather a recognition that it is an important player in events in South Africa. The visit with Mr. Shultz will be the highest-level meeting between an ANC representative and the U.S. government.

On previous visits to the United States, Mr. Tambo has generally been inconspicuous. But on this trip he has the schedule of one who is suddenly an object of political curiosity.

In the interview in his hotel suite in Manhattan, he also disputed the conclusions of a recent U.S. State Department report that said the congress was deeply obligated to Moscow and the South African Communist Party for providing weapons to wage its guerrilla campaign.

"Because we are getting arms from them for free does not mean we are mortgaging ourselves," he said. "And I dominate the ANC. Yes, I dominate, I am not dominated and controlled."

Last week, he discussed the situation in South Africa with Henry A. Kissinger, the former secretary of state.

He also conferred with a group of executives from many of the largest U.S. corporations to discuss their dealings in South Africa. He told them they should not try to encourage Pretoria to change its policies, but that instead those companies that had not already shut down their operations inside South Africa should do so immediately.

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Ex-Argentine General Arrested in California

By Robert Lindsey

New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — A former Argentine general accused of taking part in the torture and killing of thousands of Argentine leftists in the 1970s has been arrested after a search throughout the United States, the U.S. Marshals Service said.

Guillermo Suarez-Mason, a former Argentine army chief of staff, had been living for an unknown length of time in Foster City, California, about 15 miles (25 kilometers) south of San Francisco, officials said Saturday.

Inspector Larry Homenick, who supervises the Marshals Service's international operations, said General Suarez-Mason had been the object of a search in the United States since November 1985.

For at least part of that time, he said, the former general lived in New York City, where he was last seen during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Homenick said he also was believed to have been in Miami.

Although the inspector declined

to say how investigators had found General Suarez-Mason, he said that members of the former general's family had left an unspecified trail of clues.

General Suarez-Mason, who was arrested on his 63rd birthday, was a member of the rightist military junta that ruled Argentina during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The former general, who is believed to have fled his homeland and come to the United States in 1985, has been accused by a number of former prisoners, including the journalist Jacobo Timerman, of being a major architect of the regime's program of imprisoning and torturing leftists.

When the Argentine armed forces seized power in 1976, the military government launched an offensive against the left in which 6,000 to 15,000 people are estimated to have "disappeared."

In 1983, after Argentina's loss of the Falkland Islands war and amid pressure for an accounting of those who had disappeared, the military allowed elections and handed over power to a civilian government that



Guillermo Suarez-Mason

was committed to reducing the power of the military and holding an inquiry into human-rights abuses.

Mr. Homenick said Argentina has indicated that it would seek to have the former general extradited based on his indictment in November 1984 in Buenos Aires on one count of unlawful detention and torture and his indictment in July 1986 on charges of unlawful detention, theft and torture resulting in death.

U.S. Imposes Mini-Fine For Arizona Speeding

By Reginald Stuart

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Transportation has imposed one of the smallest fines possible against a state where too many motorists failed to comply with the nationwide 55 mile-per-hour speed limit.

The agency, in its first sanction under a 1975 law requiring such federal penalties, notified Arizona on Friday that it was withholding \$510,000, or one percent, of the state's non-interstate federal highway funds because of the high level of speed-limit violations in 1984.

The penalty could have been as high as \$5.1 million, or 10 percent of the funds. The action indicated that the Reagan administration, which favors increasing the speed limit, would deal lightly with states that failed to enforce the limit.

A state is found in noncompliance with the federal law when more than 50 percent of the monitored vehicles traveling on highways with speeds posted at 55 miles per hour (89 kilometers per hour) are found to exceed the speed limit. The penalty cannot be appealed.

The Department of Transportation said that data supplied by Arizona indicated that 56.3 percent of the vehicles monitored in the state in 1984 were traveling faster than 55 miles per hour. The level rose to 56.4 percent in 1985. The agency said it was initiating withholding proceedings against the state in conjunction with 1985 violations.

The department decision on Arizona drew immediate criticism from a leading highway safety group.

Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety, said that although "any sanction will have an impact" on states regarding the need to enforce highway speed limits, "the stronger the sanction, the greater the impact."

"It's obvious," he said, "that what the Department of Transportation is doing is trying to pursue minimal compliance."

The department's actions had been delayed since the middle of last year because of legislative efforts to allow states to increase the speed limit to 65 miles per hour along rural stretches of interstate highways.

Aram A. Avakian Dies; Film Editor, Director

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Aram A. Avakian, 60, a film editor and educator who directed the graphic and unsettling 1970 film "End of the Road," died of heart failure Saturday at his home in Manhattan.

From 1955 through 1958, Mr. Avakian edited Edward R. Murrow's television news program "See It Now." In 1958, he edited and, with Bert Stern, co-directed "Jazz on a Summer's Day," credited as the first feature-film documentary of a music festival.

Mr. Avakian edited the 1960 feature film "Girl of the Night," directed by Joseph Cates. It was acknowledged for its early use of the freeze frame and the jump cut.

In 1970, Mr. Avakian converted an abandoned textile factory in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, into a makeshift studio for the filming of "End of the Road," adapted by the director with the novelist Terry Southern from the novel by John Barth.

Zsoltia Denes, 82; Hungarian Author

BUDAPEST (Reuters) Zsoltia Denes, 102, a Hungarian author and journalist, died Thursday at 102. The Hungarian news agency MTI reported.

Miss Denes knew many of the major personalities of the early century, including Sigmund Freud and the poet Rainer Maria Rilke.

She sent reports from Paris on the ballet premieres of Igor Stravinsky and Vaslav Nijinsky.

She wrote the first Hungarian biography of Lenin and, in 1919, published a study entitled "Woman in Communist Society."

■ Other deaths:

Theodore C. Strlebert, 87, first director of the U.S. Information Agency and a longtime broadcasting executive, on Sunday in Syosset, New York.

Liliana W. Teruzzi, 91, a former opera singer and donor of the \$2,500 Teruzzi Award for aspiring singers in the mid-1960s, on Thursday in New York.

Dinh Duc Thien, 74, the vice defense minister of Vietnam, on Thursday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

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# Station Chief Suspended By CIA for Contra Link

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency has suspended its station chief in Costa Rica after learning that he failed to fully disclose his participation in a secret network that flew military supplies to Nicaraguan rebels, U.S. intelligence sources said.

The suspension of the station chief, who used the pseudonym Tomas Castillo, followed his recall earlier this month. It also followed two internal CIA investigations that cleared him of illegal actions in connection with U.S. shipments of military aid to the rebels, known as contras, in violation of a congressional ban on such aid.

The sources, who requested anonymity, said Saturday that Mr. Castillo was suspended within the past few days after CIA officials were notified that documents belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, the former National Security Council aide, showed that Mr. Castillo was more deeply involved in the contra supply network than he had admitted. The CIA apparently was notified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Reagan administration, meanwhile, signaled its resolve to aid the contra with Frank C. Carlucci, the new national security adviser, endorsing the policy at a conference on Central America.

In his first public statements since he was appointed early this month, Mr. Carlucci said that he had asked his staff for a review of the field situation, the strength of the Nicaraguan government forces and the prognosis for their conflict with the contras.

Mr. Carlucci acknowledged that allegations that proceeds from the sale of weapons to Iran had gone to the contras had probably made the continuation of U.S. aid to the rebels "more difficult." But he said U.S. policy had not changed.

"I strongly support the democratic forces in Central America," he said, adding that the issue was "close to the heart" of President Ronald Reagan.

Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, said at the forum that the United States "is opposed to fake negotiations, and that's the problem we've had with Contadora."

The Contadora peace process, named for the island where Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia began their efforts in 1983, "has tended to be led from the left," Mr. Abrams said.

Later, he said he was referring to Mexico and to Peru, one of the four so-called "support nations" that include Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. (AP, WP)

# Court Rejects Labor Law In France

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The Constitutional Council, the highest legislative court in France, has rejected an attempt by the government of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to adopt labor regulations without the usual parliamentary debate.

The council's decision Friday came after President Francois Mitterrand, a Socialist, refused to allow the neo-Gaullist government of Mr. Chirac to pass the law by administrative decree.

The law provides for more flexible working hours in French offices and factories. It allows women to work at night in positions currently forbidden to them and varies the length of the working week to meet seasonal needs.

After Mr. Mitterrand's refusal, the law was rewritten as an amendment to a series of social measures and put before Parliament in December.

The measures were voted through in a late-night session, but Socialist members in the National Assembly protested the procedure to the Constitutional Council, a nine-member body that rules on the constitutionality of laws. Its president, Robert Badinter, was justice minister in the Socialist government that was in power from May 1981 until last March.

The Socialists opposed the working-hours amendment as an encroachment on social progress achieved under their administration. The conservative majority in Parliament has defended the measure as necessary to give French companies more flexibility and make them more competitive. It has said that the law will create new jobs and preserve endangered ones.

The measure can still be adopted, but only by a full parliamentary session. Parliament is not scheduled to meet until its spring session opens on April 2.

## Police and Mourners Clash at Belfast Funeral

The Associated Press

BELFAST — Mourners clashed with the police Saturday before the funeral of two men killed last week in what the police say was part of a power struggle among guerrillas of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army.

They said a policeman suffered head injuries and was hospitalized and that two men were arrested for disorderly conduct. The funeral rites were being held for John O'Reilly, 26, and Thomas Power, 34, who were shot to death while meeting in a hotel on Tuesday.



Willy Brandt, right, chairman of the Social Democrats, and Johannes Rau acknowledge applause at a Saturday rally.

# MARCH: 20,000 Protest Racism

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About 4,000 people were left behind in Atlanta because there were not enough buses to transport them to Forsyth County.

About a third of the marchers were white, and more than half appeared to be under 30 years old. Groups of supporters came from as far away as New York and California, and several marchers were from foreign nations.

The march was headed by veterans of the civil rights movement, including Coretta Scott King, Mr. King's widow, Atlanta's mayor, Andrew Young, political activist Dick Gregory, and Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Near the front of the parade was Gary Harts, a 1988 Democratic presidential candidate. William Bradford Huie, the head of the civil rights division of the Justice Department, marched with federal law enforcement officials to ensure, he said, that "what started last week will be repeated without violence."

Governor Harris, who mobilized the state's police effort, maintained contact from Atlanta by direct telephone line, a spokesman said.

Among the marchers were several Forsyth County residents. "We're not all idiots up here," said Sammy Wallace, 34, an electronics worker. "If this is what it takes to make America free, then that's what it's going to be. This racist stuff has gone on long enough."

One of the counter-demonstrators, John Fowler, a 30-year-old worker from Canton in adjacent Cherokee County, told why he and his friends had come. "We've got the best county up here, we've got the best lake," he said, referring to Lake Lanier. "We'd like to keep it clear of black trash."

Virtually no blacks have lived in Forsyth County since 1912. That year, a white rape victim died after identifying three black men as her attackers. One of the accused men was taken from jail and killed by a mob. The other two were hanged after a quick trial, and the hundreds of black residents were driven out of the county.

Martin Luther King 3d, the eldest son of the late civil rights leader and a county commissioner in Fulton County, which includes Atlanta, said that much of the anti-black feeling that remains among Forsyth County whites is due to diminishing job opportunities in this rural area of Georgia.

"We're 13 years away from the year 2000, and certainly people should be more advanced in their thinking than that," he said. "But since these people have been taught ever since they were children that blacks are their biggest problem."

## Cameroon Gets Road Loan

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — The World Bank has granted a \$6.5 million road construction loan to Cameroon, Cameroon radio reported.

# BONN: Coalition Returned

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crats' performance to a low voter turnout — about 85 percent compared to 89.1 percent in 1983 — and to overconfidence arising from widespread predictions that the coalition would be handily re-elected.

Analysis of returns from rural areas showed that the Christian Democrats were also deserted in massive numbers by farmers, who apparently were angered by Bonn's approval of European Community policies that lowered the prices of their crops and livestock. Sudden freezing weather in parts of the country also deterred others from voting.

"We have not reached our goal," said Mr. Kohl, who added that strife among the coalition partners had alienated some voters. "It is sad; this is a painful drop. But what is decisive is that we are going to continue with this coalition of the middle."

Willy Brandt, the Social Democrats' veteran chairman, praised Mr. Rau for drawing more votes than opinion polls had predicted and said the outcome would certainly "not be a liability" for Mr. Rau to succeed him as the Social Democrats' next leader.

"What is important in this election," commented Mr. Brandt, "is that the right got less votes than had been expected."

The Greens were jubilant at their strong showing. The anti-establishment party gave women candidates two-thirds of the positions on its electoral lists and in conservative Bavaria — where Petra Kelly, an American-educated founder of the party, was a candidate — it won a striking 7 percent of the vote.

Appearing on national television with other party leaders, Luckas Beckmann, a Greens spokesman, charged that Mr. Kohl and his party had been repudiated for appealing to "the stupidity of the voters." Mr. Beckmann urged the Social Democrats to move to the left in the coming years to forge a new majority in 1991.

A listless winter election campaign brought forward few compelling issues, and the chancellor's party sought to exploit a general mood of well-being with the slogan, "Carry on Germany." Amid signs that a strong economic upswing might be tapering off, many voters appeared to have turned to the Free Democrats, who favor a sharp tax cut to spur growth.

Both Mr. Rau and his Social Democrats were handicapped by their inability to put forward a convincing alternative to the Kohl coalition. After several drubbings of the Social Democrats in two state elections last autumn, Mr. Rau's claim to be aiming for an absolute majority of Bundestag seats appeared unrealistic.

# U.S. Calls for Release Of New Beirut Hostages

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan has expressed "deep concern" for the three Americans kidnapped Saturday in Beirut, and a White House spokesman called for their immediate release.

"We hold those who took the hostages responsible for their safety," said the spokesman, Roman Popaduk. "And we call for the immediate release of the hostages."

Three American professors and a fourth professor described as an Indian citizen who is also a U.S. resident were abducted Saturday.

The kidnapping threatens to further aggravate the controversy over the U.S. sales of arms to Iran last year. The Reagan administration has denied that the clandestine sales were made in an effort to win freedom for Americans held captive in Lebanon.

The kidnappings Saturday bring to eight the number of Americans held there.

Senator Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, said Saturday that the danger to Americans in Beirut was so severe that U.S. diplomatic missions there should be closed immediately and all Americans ordered to leave Lebanon.

Americans in Lebanon "have become sitting ducks for any hostile political faction roaming the streets," said Mr. Dole, who is Senate minority leader.

U.S. officials said they assumed the kidnappings were related to U.S. efforts to get a Lebanese terrorist suspect extradited from West Germany. The suspect, Mohammed Ali Hamadei, 22, was arrested Jan. 13 in Frankfurt.

The United States wants to try Mr. Hamadei on charges of air piracy and murder stemming from a takeover in 1985 of a Beirut-bound TWA airliner in which a U.S. Navy diver was murdered.

At least two West Germans have been kidnapped in Beirut since Mr. Hamadei's arrest, apparently in retaliation. The Bonn government has been unable to confirm reports that two more West Germans have also been seized.

# KIDNAP: 4 Seized in Beirut

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In 1973. Its classes are taught in English and most of its 2,000 students are Moslems.

These kidnapped Saturday were the only American men left on the university's staff, said Fawzi Hajjar, an administrator for the college's New York office. Four of five American women remain on the staff, he said.

## Waite Said to Be Fine

Terry Waite, the special envoy of the archbishop of Canterbury, is in good health and still negotiating for the release of Western hostages in Beirut, Reuters reported a spokesman for the archbishop as saying Sunday in London.

Mr. Waite, who has negotiated the release of foreigners held in Iran, Libya and Lebanon, arrived in Beirut on Jan. 12 on his latest mission. He was to return to London on Jan. 21, but suddenly changed his plans.

# REGAN: Shultz Testimony

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mit meeting, said the leaders had reached agreement to "isolate those states that provide support for terrorism."

The leaders issued a statement vowing further "international cooperation" to fight terrorism.

After questioning Mr. Regan in Tokyo, Mr. Shultz received a response from Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, who then was national security adviser, that there was only a "sliver of truth" to the information from Mr. Price in London, officials said Friday.

Mr. Poindexter provided this answer in early May, just days before a meeting in London of U.S., Israeli and Iranian officials that led to President Reagan's decision on May 15 to authorize a secret mission to Tehran by a former national security adviser, Robert C. McFarlane.

Mr. McFarlane made the trip later that month, carrying a shipment of spare parts for anti-aircraft missiles in a futile effort to free American hostages held by Iranian-backed extremists in Lebanon.

At the time Mr. Poindexter responded to Mr. Shultz, Mr. McFarlane had already been enlisted to make the secret mission.

After Mr. Poindexter's first reply that there was only a "sliver of truth" to the report of arms sales to Iran, he sent a second message to Mr. Shultz that the operation had "stood down," or halted completely, officials said. Later, Mr. Shultz was given the same information by the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, William J. Casey.

Since the Iran arms sales became public, the White House chief of staff has said he supported the policy of seeking an opening to moderate factions in Iran, but he has also tried to distance himself from it by saying Admiral Poindexter was in charge of the details.

However, congressional investigators have learned that Mr. Regan participated in key meetings at which the Iran arms policy was discussed, including a Jan. 6, 1986, session at which Mr. Shultz was not present.

## Italian Fashion

# Ferré, Capucci Strengthen Rome Couture

International Herald Tribune

ROME — The Rome spring-summer couture collections, shown last week, were much stronger than usual this season, thanks to Gianfranco Ferré's second collection and to the purist Roberto Capucci, whose collection was a rare treat. Valentino still reigned as superstar, but for once he did not have to bear the whole burden.

Friday night, President Francesco Cossiga handed out awards and held a party at the Quirinal Palace for about 600 fashion people. Among the honorees were Giorgio Armani,



Valentino evening gown.

streamlined ready-to-wear, were exquisitely made, which was not the case in his first collection six months ago.

The silhouette was a clean-cut mushroom, with slim skirt topped by a rounded top. The influence, with lots of dramatic capes, came from the 1950s and Balenciaga. One of the softer touches was a profusion of silk flowers, which Ferré said he found at an old company in Genoa that used to make flowers for Chanel. These were tucked everywhere, including on the side of a shoe.

A man with a strong graphic vision, Ferré played up black and white and navy and white with effective results. Some of his convoluted white tops looked like whipped cream out of a can. The touches of color were equally sensitive, such as a bolero made of multicolored cloth chrysanthemums.

The collection not to miss last week was Capucci's, which was a trip into the fashion unknown. This shy, reserved designer, who produces a collection every three or four years, reaped wild applause in a standing ovation.

The shapes dwarfed everyone else's. These clothes were beyond the outre. Capucci, an artist who keeps aloof through royalties from his perfumes, consistently refuses to enter the megabucks fashion game. The result is an intensely personal adventure backed by an impressive technique.

The collection started with bony black dresses followed by immense chiffon ponchos edged with waves of giant organza ruffles. Miles of knife pleats, shaped by a strong, working hand, twisted, curled and coiled in every possible direction. Some swirled around and around skinny bodies, giving them stature and presence. Stiff satin shapes like Alexander Calder mobiles were draped away from short slim dresses. Some pointed dresses evoked minarets. Others were decorated with brilliantly colored giant fans or butterflies.

The majestic pinnacled dresses could have stepped out of a Velasquez painting, while Capucci's sumptuous palette had the sheen and richness of a Renaissance prayer book.

Olivier Rossetti, who inherited the André Lang business, said he would no longer show a couture collection. The reason, he said, is that his multimillion-dollar business is solidly rooted in the United States, where his clientele is more than happy with his perfectly executed ready-to-wear.

often sporting girlish peticosats. Jackets were the bolero variety, and they, too, were ultramodern, with lace handkerchiefs drooping out of breast pockets. As usual for Valentino, hemlines were well above the knees and heels were high and spiky.

Together with one or two dresses like slim columns, Valentino offered the big, ruffled gowns of bygone garden parties. The prettiest were simple, long-waisted with a canopied top, while the skirt exploded in several tiers of organza. The skirts were further dolled up with lace or embroidery tucked under each ruffle. One black dress was a solid sea of tiny lace ruffles.

Valentino loved little polka dots, even for evening, where they toned down the excessiveness of all those ruffles. The dots also looked better than the occasional flower prints.

There is hope for Ferré. His second couture collection was miles ahead of his first, with a definite breakthrough in evening wear. The clothes, softer and more feminine than Ferré's

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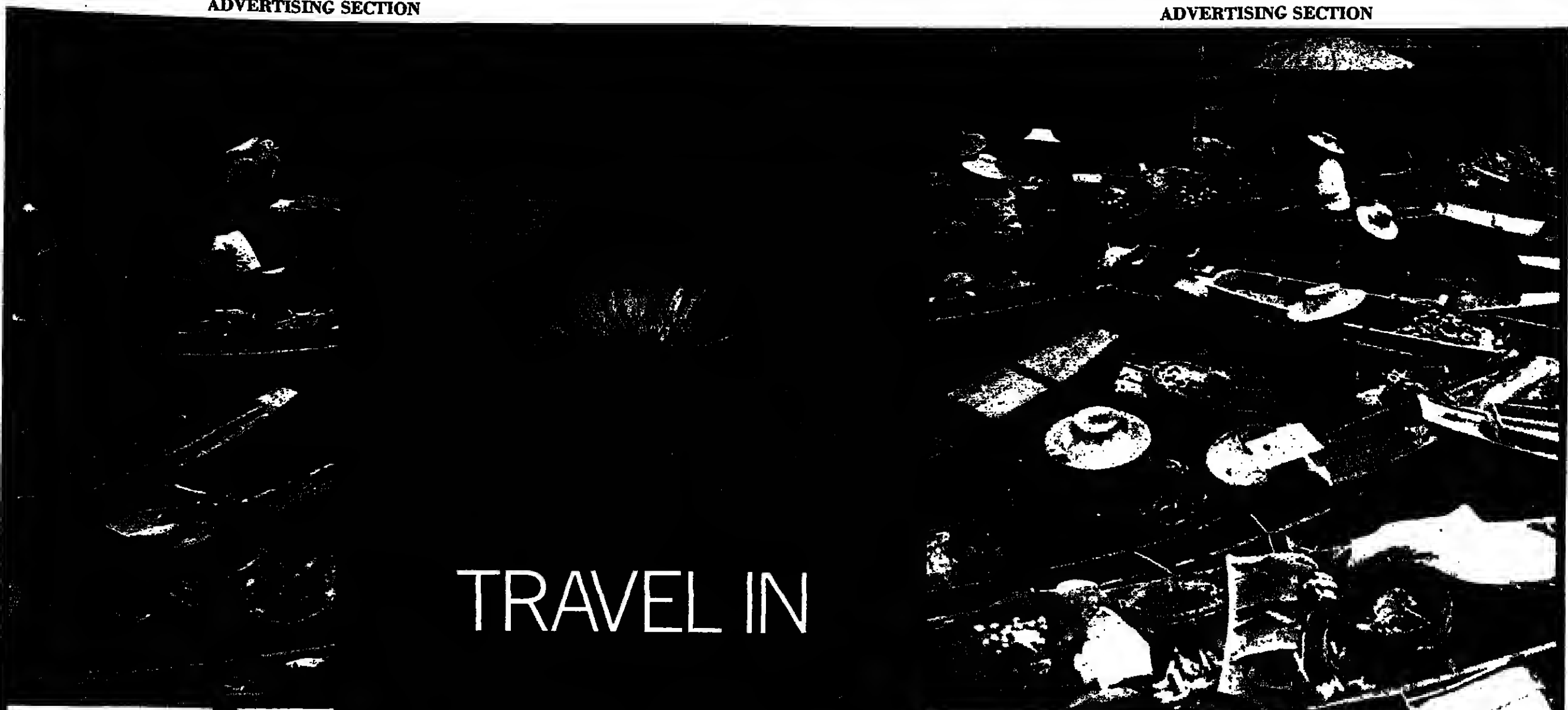
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**O**NE of the favorite expressions employed by foreigners living in Thailand is "typically Thai." They use it to explain that relaxed, unshakable and generous Thai equanimity which constantly amazes visitors.

Last month I was rushing to the Chiang Mai airport with loads of boxed handicrafts purchased during an afternoon of determined bargaining. My guide, noting my typically Western state of high anxiety, dropped me off for a traditional Thai massage, took my ticket and acquisitions to the airport, checked them in and returned to pick me up just before the flight.

"Typically Thai," said a Swiss native living in Bangkok when he heard about the incident.

The "typically Thai" attitude makes Thailand as much a state of mind as an intriguing destination with decidedly untypical shopping as well as equally unique culinary, cultural, religious, archaeological and physical attractions. It is reinforced not only by

the country's 30,000-some temples, omnipresent restatements to the calming influence of Buddhism, but by the tranquil nature of the 55 million Thai people. The Thais actually do smile enough to merit their country's reputation as "The Land of Smiles."

Thai Buddhism, with its time-honored ideals of charity, tolerance and kindness, obviously has a gentle and restraining influence. It is also accountable for Thailand's interesting blend of hospitality, permissiveness, acceptance and moderation. The onetime Siam and contemporary Thailand (which means "land of the free") was never a colony, so its traditions are well-entrenched and timeless, and the populace is exceptionally open and friendly to foreigners.

"The Thais seem at peace with themselves and enjoy making people happy," explained Danielle Iwazskiewicz, the Franco-American sales director for Club Med. "It's that simple."

Even bustling Bangkok and its shops are "typically Thai." Not a particularly attractive city, Bang-

kok is a sprawling mix of ballet and burlesque, of traffic jams and temples. But there is calm amid the frenzy. Drivers, for example, don't get particularly upset sitting in traffic for hours and rarely honk their horns. Shopkeepers are quick to offer a discount but don't force sales. A visitor can sense the tranquility conveyed by colorful orchids and serene shrines.

I try to become "typically Thai" when I visit Thailand in an effort to abandon my Occidental mind-set. The move from West to East is embodied, for me, by the wai — the prayer-like clasped hand greeting which is an expression implying appreciation, respect, thanks, reverence, homage and a wealth of other niceties. Although it may never replace the handshake, bow or kiss, the wai is an eminently sensible and "typical Thai" gesture.

Another facet of the "typical Thai" state of mind is language. The phrase "mai pen rai" for example, is a verbal extension of the philosophy, conveying a "never mind, stay cool" attitude.

Naturally it takes a bit of a leap to get into the "typically Thai" spirit. When I arrive in Bangkok I try to take a symbolic step to make the adjustment. I often head to the Wat Po (wat means temple) where I put coins in the 108 bowls representing the reincarnations of Buddha, release birds from their cages to ensure my future well-being, or just marvel at the reclining Buddha — which splendidly shows Buddha in the position in which he entered Nirvana. But whatever I do on arrival, it usually requires a few hours to become even remotely "typically Thai."

Once the conversion is made, however, a visitor cannot help but be entranced by the country. No matter how often I visit, I am enchanted by the ubiquitous monks when I see them in the morning, heads bowed, receiving food in their begging bowls. I like going to the temples and spirit houses, such as the one on Erawan Road, which embody Buddhism or illustrate the Brahman influence on Thai philosophy. And when I leave Thailand, I usually wear a

blessed cord or some other kind of amulet to take the "typically Thai" spirit home with me.

Of course, there are more than spiritual reasons to visit Thailand. I thrive on eating at the numerous stalls which sell fast food Asian-style, including noodles, rice and fried bananas. I enjoy taking thuk-chuks, the Thai three-wheeled taxi cabs, around town and spending the day bargaining and buying at different shops.

Thailand truly is a country with something for everyone — spiced food and equally spicy nightlife, hotels with exceptional service, shopping bargains bordering on the ridiculous, visits to extraordinary religious and historical sites and trips up rivers, into jungles and onto virgin islands.

What makes it all so exceptional, however, is not this vast array of touristic offerings but the time-honored, "typically Thai" traditions and culture.

— Joel Stratte-McClure

Getting to Know Bangkok — in the Space of One Day

**B**ANGKOK is not a city for strolling. It's too hot and humid most of the year, the sidewalks are cluttered and the traffic is reminiscent of Le Mans or Indianapolis. The streets are full of ugly shophouses, each one looking very much like the next, broken up by high-rise blocks. A tourist can easily become bewildered, and eager to skip the place for the simpler pleasures of Thailand's outlying beaches and hills.

Take a tip from those who live here: the city reveals its attractions slowly. The usually gentle ways of the Thais, their exquisite manners, sweet tempers and their famous sense of fun, somehow cancel out the contrasting noise and pandemonium of the streets. There is a wealth of things to see and do, but when time is a factor it's important to plan carefully where to go and how to get there — preferably on wheels.

A good way to begin a one-day excursion is with a calm breakfast on the outside terrace at the Oriental Hotel (it is, without a doubt, one of the East's great hotels), overlooking the Chao Phraya River. One of the other, newer riverside hotels, such as the Shangri-la, is a good substitute for those staying in another part of town.

Despite urban development, rivers and canals are still important in Thai life. For an expedition through the klongs (canals), try a speedy long-tailed boat or, for a steadier, more civilized pace, a boat with a traditional engine that is less disturbing to the river-life. The boats that are rethered at various points along the waterways are available for rental.

Most tours of Bangkok will take in the floating market where women sell fruit or coconut milk from their slim, bobbing craft. Also popular is a visit to the Temple of the Dawn (Wat Arun), a soaring 250-foot structure covered with pieces of porcelain stuck into cement. A stop can sometimes be made to view the royal barges sheltered on ramps under a roof. These scarlet and gold craft, some of which have ornate figureheads arching high out over the water, are used only rarely, on ceremonial occasions. Next October, more than 50 of them, manned by

oarsmen chanting to the sounds of drums and trumpets, will glide down the river as part of a year-long celebration for King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the popular monarch who has ruled for 40 years and will turn 60 on December 5.

Thais are fervent royalists and regard their king with a reverence long since disappeared in many other constitutional monarchies. He is a modern and immensely hard-working king, spending many months of the year traveling "upcountry" to oversee development projects. He seems most content with a camera round his neck, a walkie-talkie stuck in one pocket and a map in hand, questioning local officials or villagers about a new road or a dam.

A visit to the Grand Palace compound is almost required. The most photographed set of buildings in the city, it is a glorious mixture of architectural styles taking up about one square mile behind high

walls. The Temple of the Emerald Buddha, containing the nation's most sacred image, is also here. Other temples to see are Wat Po, with its enormous reclining Buddha, and Wat Benchamabopit, known as the Marble Temple.

For an unusual lunch stop, the Pantip Restaurant on Petchburi Road, gives the visitor a taste of Bangkok's Chinese community. The dim sum, brought round on trays by a procession of young women, is filling, and a full-blown floor show is thrown in — all for only a few dollars. Thai songstresses, as they are called, croon sweetly, and are usually followed by a visiting artist from Singapore, Taiwan or Malaysia. She (most top-billers are women) belts out numbers in front of a full orchestra, limber male dancers, revolving glass balls and stage mist. It is noisy and brassy, yet memorable.

The afternoon's activities are a matter of personal taste. Many tourists drive about one hour west to the Rose Garden, an entertainment center featuring a daily cultural show that includes folk dancing, few-holds-barred Thai boxing, sword fighting and elephants. In addition there are restaurants and landscape gardens.

For those who want a quieter, more aesthetic afternoon, the old hands point to the less-visited

ancient city. About a 45-minute drive southeast of Bangkok, the city stands as an extraordinary open-air museum. Famous temples, monuments and statues, some of them full-size, have been painstakingly and accurately reproduced. Some are replicas of buildings that no longer exist, such as the main hall of the grand palace at Ayutthaya, the old capital, which was built in 1448 and destroyed in 1767. There is also a reconstruction of a street in an old market town with theaters and shophouses, a riverside village and a floating market.

Getting back into the city, the traffic jams can bring everything to a sweaty halt and may preclude any more visits. In the lucky event that there's a spare hour or so, two spots are well worth a visit.

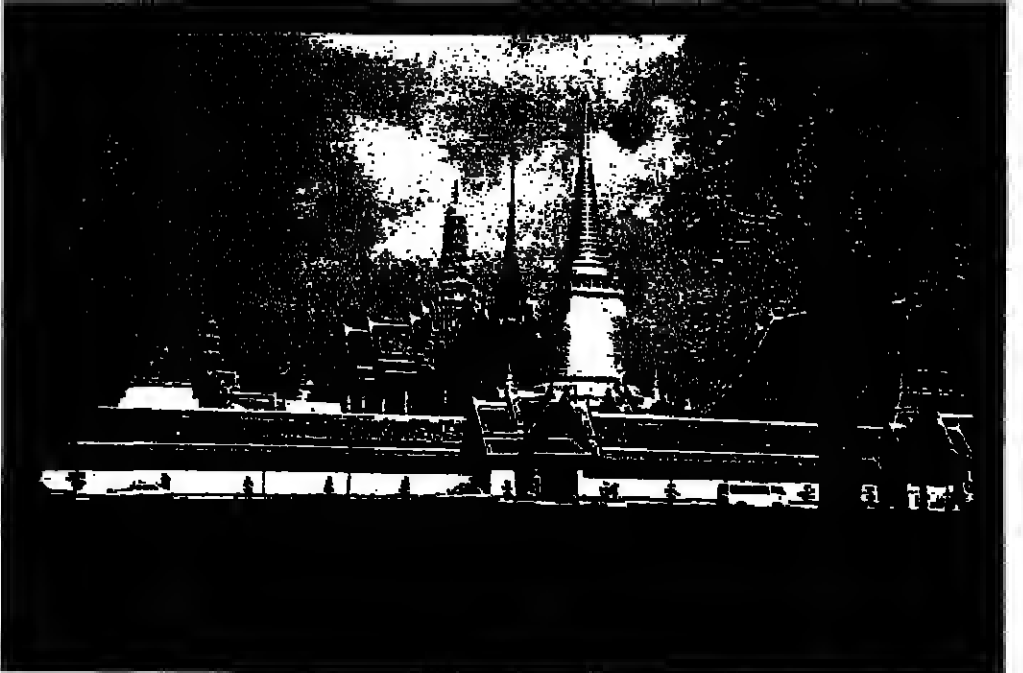
Jim Thompson's house, off Rama I Road, is a museum of traditional Thai houses filled with antiques. Thompson, an American who helped build up the Thai silk industry, and subsequently disappeared, was also a great art collector. "Not only have you beautiful things," Somerset Maugham once wrote to him, "but what is more rare, you have displayed them beautifully."

Also worth seeing, on Sri Ayutthaya Road, is the

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The ancient city is an open-air museum outside Bangkok.



Left: Hand-crafted items, such as these colorful umbrellas, are popular Bangkok souvenirs. Above: The Grand Palace compound.



# Life in a Buddhist Monastery: Instructive Rite of Passage

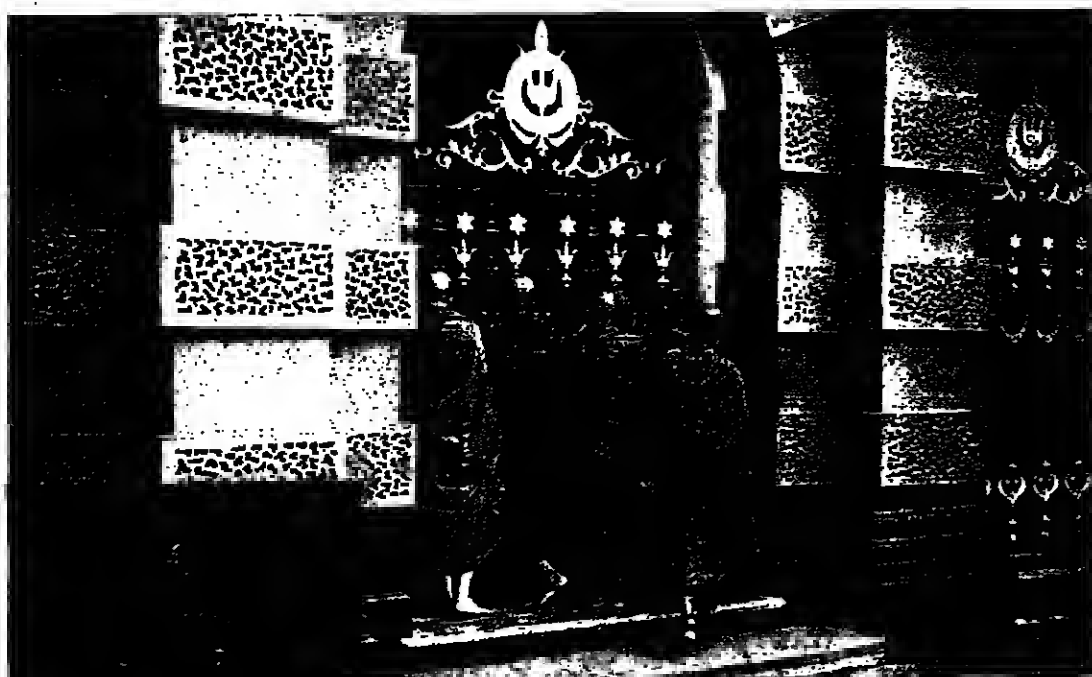
**H**ANS Tuggener, the 50-year-old, Zurich-born general manager of Diehelm Travel, became Thana Thanapawat last March after he was granted Thai nationality. But the most memorable aspect of his conversion was not the assumption of a second name. It was the two weeks he spent last August in a remote Buddhist monastery called Dao Ruang (Temple of the Stars) in the eastern part of the country.

Most young Thai males, whatever their social status, spend at least three months as monks. The strict, traditional rite of passage, enables them to grow spiritually through austerity, strict discipline and the laborious study of Buddha's teachings. Thai custom dictates that if a son becomes a monk for any length of time he will save his parents' souls.

"Without this education the rest of my life would be incomplete," said Chiradej Saesung, a 22-year-old Thai, during his monkhood in the War Benchamporpit a few years ago. "No Thai man can be fulfilled without being familiar with the Buddhist scriptures, the 227 monastic rules and the 500 stories describing the Buddha's existence prior to Nirvana."

Thai men also return to the temple periodically during their professional lives. Tuggener, who has lived in Thailand since 1970, had a keen personal desire to experience monkhood when he became a Thai citizen.

"I have always been very intrigued by the calm approach to life in Thailand which is essentially due



Tuggener's interest in Buddhism came naturally. Indeed, almost everything in Thailand, from the spirit houses in front of most buildings to the oracles he consulted to select his Thai name, is religiously oriented.

He chose to enter the monastery Dao Ruang, where he had done some social work, because the head monk is a well-known teacher of Buddhism and meditation. Prior to entering the temple, Tuggener spent three months studying Buddhist teachings, songs and ceremonies in Pali (the liturgical language of Buddhism) with an employee who had been a monk for nine years. He entered the temple, which has only nine monks, when his Martinique wife and their children were vacationing in Switzerland.

The initiation ceremony was typical. On the first day his hair was shorn, he was dressed in white and assigned to provide food and traditional entertainment for a village feast — which neither he nor the other monks could attend. The next day, after replying to a number of questions posed by the head monk, he was given the traditional saffron robe.

"One part of the ceremony involved putting the robe on in front of the entire community who laughed hilariously when they saw I was still wearing underpants," Tuggener recalled, noting that monks wear nothing under their robes. "Another time I ate rather hurriedly so we could begin morning prayers and immediately sensed that the

other monks realized I had briefly resumed my rushed, western habits."

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The Sunday market in Bangkok attracts locals and tourists alike.

# World Diners Develop an Appetite for Thai Cuisine

**T**HAI restaurants are now cropping up in cities around the world. It was bound to happen — what's really surprising is that it took so long.

Though influenced by Chinese, Indian, Javanese and Portuguese cuisine, Thai food is quite distinctive.

Thai soups, often a meal in themselves, are eaten whenever they are ready, rather than as an introduction to the main dishes. Try *tom yam* gang, a soup of shrimp, lemongrass, red chilies, parsley and mushrooms; hot and sour soup with prawns; or coconut soup with chicken.

Besides soups, the variety of main dishes is tremendous. There's fried noodles with beef and broccoli, papaya salad, stuffed omelettes, fried pork with garlic, fried chicken with cashew nuts, fried beef in oyster sauce, fried fish in red sauce or a variety of curries.

Coriander is used copiously along with other spices, such as lemongrass, basil and cardamon. But it is the chilies that often prove most memorable. Foreigners often shrug nonchalantly when warned that Thai food is extremely hot and spicy, but may find out in a matter of seconds that they have lost the roof of their mouth. The sauces, such as fish sauce and shrimp paste, which are of a varying degrees of spiciness, are also worth tasting.

Desserts, in contrast, are mild. Try mangoes with sticky rice, gold threads (sugar and egg yolks), coconut ice cream or banana in coconut milk.

While mangoes usually head the list of native Thai fruits, also delicious are mangosteens (dark purple with white flesh), papayas (often eaten with breakfast), rambutans (soft, white and juicy), as well as the usual bananas, pineapples and melons.

Then there are the notorious durians — pungent and controversial. Some people adore the fruit. Others, however, have been known to call them "prickly stink bombs" or "medieval torture devices with the flavor of onions and ice cream." A foreign adventurer in the last century wrote that eating durian was "akin to eating herring and bleu cheese over an open sewer."

This is not a wine-drinking society; diners usually order beer or whiskey. The two most popular beers are Kloster, which is similar to American beer, and Singha, which has maltier taste. There are plenty of imported whiskies available; the popular local brand, called Mekhong, is definitely an acquired taste.

Thais like to eat in the open air, and the temperature is usually perfect for this in the evenings. There are numerous garden restaurants — a series of roofed, open-sided *salas* with ceiling fans, often joined by walkways over canals filled with water lilies. Indoor restaurants, nearly always air-conditioned, tend to favor exotic fish in aquariums and miniature waterfalls as part of the decor. If there is live music it's likely to be a succession of female singers. All is informal — no jackets or ties. And many tourists are surprised by how inexpensive the bill can be at the end of the meal.

A favorite haunt of Bangkok locals is the Sala Rim Naam (on the riverbank opposite the Oriental Hotel). To get here, there's a free ferry boat ride from the hotel; on a thunderous night during the monsoon season, this can be a dramatic opening act. The enclosed portion of the restaurant has a fixed meal and classical Thai dancing; but I prefer to sit outside on the terrace close to the river. Other favorite restaurants are the Taplaew (263/2 Asok-Dindaeng), which has a large garden and Silom Village (Sukhumvit 31), also open-air but smaller, with a resident Thai string band and tennis courts at the back. The Seafood Restaurant (388 Sukhumvit) is like a huge supermarket — diners choose their fish and vegetables, place them in a cart and pay at the checkout counter. Everything is then whisked away, with specific cooking instructions, to the kitchens, which are in full view. The finished meal is served at nearby tables. Also good are the Wanakorn (off Sukhumvit 23), a small, inexpensive, modest cafe, and Lemongrass (Sukhumvit 24), quiet and achieving a growing reputation among serious diners.

Street food is everywhere — at most major intersections an entrepreneur has parked a cooking cart and set up three or four tables on the sidewalk. For those who want to try street food in a more ordered setting, the Ambassador Hotel (Sukhumvit at Soi 11) has a food center with rows of booths for picking and choosing.

—D.W.

# Hotel Wars Escalate — Tourists Big Winners

**T**HE "Great Bangkok Hotel War" — a marketing melee among some of the world's finest hotels — is benefiting the budgets of 1987 business travelers and tourists to the Thai capital.

It began some four years ago when over-optimistic projections on tourist arrivals ignited a building boom. Faced with a room glut and a skyline of rising competitors, managements resorted to employee-napping, travel agency arm-twisting and hefty price-cutting.

While Thailand expects to welcome a record of nearly three million visitors in 1987, the government's Tourism Authority of Thailand estimates a room occupancy rate in Bangkok of only 64 percent. Establishments from the mighty Oriental Hotel to guest houses for backpackers are offering tempting discounts.

In war and peace, Bangkok's hotels have been quietly Thai-style, garnering laurels. The city's top general managers — Germans and Americans dominate — ascribe this to a happy confluence of low labor costs, an innate Thai gift for service and, humbly, their own international management expertise.

The Oriental regularly appears on lists rating the world's best hotels. Opened 110 years ago as a seafarer's lodge along the broad Chao Phraya River, the hotel blends the languid atmosphere of Joseph Conrad and Somerset Maugham

with a full panoply of modern-day facilities, and then some.

Its raucous 800 crisply unobtrusive staffers to 406 rooms makes budgeters in the West throw fits of envy. And a sunset drink beneath the hotel's palms, while contemplating oze barges and frolicking canal children, is among the exquisite pleasures of a Thailand stay.

The Oriental, however, no longer monopolizes windows on the River of Kings and its kaleidoscopic life. In competition are two other five-star properties, the newly opened, 697-room Shangri-la and the towering Royal Orchid Sheraton.

The riverside hotels are favored by tourists as well as businessmen who don't have to account for every unproductive minute. Some of Bangkok's finest attractions, including its lacework of canals and the Grand Palace, are within a pleasant launch ride of this trio.

In easier reach of major businesses and embassies are the Regent Bangkok and the Dusit Thani, the latter located at the head of the city's "Wall Street," Silom Road. The Dusit, which has recently added more restaurants and upgraded many of its 525 rooms, maintains a loyal following among executives, diplomats and foreign correspondents.

The elegant and airy Regent, a 1983 arrival, is sometimes regarded as the Oriental's arch-rival. It has, in

fact, siphoned off some VIPs and attracted a growing number of business travelers.

At the crossroads of river and business-area hotels are the Siam Inter-Continental and the Hilton International. Although deep within the Bangkok bustle, both are set in lush tropical gardens and exude intimacy. The Siam, a landmark for two decades, boasts 26 acres of green grounds, studded with ponds, a swimming pool, tennis courts and a jogging track.

At the top of the price scale is the Oriental, where a standard double goes for the equivalent of U.S.\$158, which includes a government-mandated 11 percent — even lower in the off-season between June and September. Discounts are available for individual travelers, but the best policy at the Oriental and everywhere else is to work out the rate before entering the lobby.

The Dusit Thani charges an official \$127 per double, but will go down to the \$80 level. Newcomer Shangri-la offers a 30-percent reduction on the list price of \$107.

The Ambassador, especially popular with Japanese visitors, deserves special mention, both because a fine room there is available for as little as \$28 and because 15 restaurants and one hawker's food center must constitute some kind of gastronomic record.

—T.V. Mecir



Bangkok's Marble Temple, a popular tourist attraction.

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Suan Pakkard palace, the residence of a Thai princess. On display are statues, musical instruments, furniture and weapons, as well as pottery from the Ban Chiang archeological site. There are lovely lawns and ponds with waterlilies.

To wind down after a long day of sightseeing, late-afternoon tea and cakes are calming and delightful in the high-ceilinged lobby of the Regent Hotel. If the daylight has gone, cocktails in one of the hotel's bars

will help set the stage for the next adventure: the nightlife.

A few notes on transport. Bangkok is one of the few cities in southeast Asia that has meterless taxis. This means hard bargaining on the curbside, and frequent discrepancies in fares: foreigners are usually charged more than Thais. Taxi drivers speak little English, complicating the bargaining process all the more. A trip within central Bangkok should cost between 30 and 60 baht.

An alternative, and slightly cheaper than taxis, are the *tuk-tuks* — three-wheeled motor scooters with a two-seater carriage.

—David Wigg

to propositions that will get them out of the club. The client usually must pay a bar fine (\$12) to liberate a particular person for the evening.

But Parpong Road is not just for men. During a recent tour of its establishments, many foreign couples were evident in the clubs (which have evocative names like Lipsick, Limeright, King's Castle, Pink Panther, Goldfinger and Spoon), watching performances ranging from seductive to comic. Another important aspect of nightlife is found at Thai massage parlors, which range from the traditional and legitimate to the avant garde and somewhat less-legitimate.

"Thais love massage more than anything in the world and there is a wide variety available," one Thai businessman explained.

Naturally Bangkok's ribald nightlife leads to the obligatory jokes:

A young Thai man approaches a foreign visitor and says, "Sir, can I find you a young girl?" No. "Sir, can I find you a young boy?" No. "Sir, can I find you a transvestite?" No. "Sir," the young man asks with great concern, "why did you come to Bangkok?"

—J.S.M.

# Nightlife in Bangkok: Thailing One On

**D**ON'T be concerned that the varied forms of nightlife found throughout Thailand, long the capital of nocturnal excitement in Asia, have gone downhill, been altered for the worse, or even disappeared. They haven't.

There is still something for everyone — from classical dance performances at the National Theater to the somewhat less-classical establishments on Patpong Road, where nightclubs are thriving, drinks are inexpensive (U.S. \$1-3) by foreign standards and the entertainment is as varied as the people looking for it. Malaysians, of course, still cross the border to Hat Yai, and South Pataya still has its neon-lit streets. But Bangkok is where most foreigners go for action.

"Nightlife is an interesting facet of the vast array of tourist possibilities in Thailand," said Dhamnoon Prachubom, governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand. "I would estimate that at least a quarter of all visitors take a look at what is going on."

Thai classical dancing, which is performed at some restaurants, originated as entertainment for the royal family. The graceful dances are based on episodes from the Ramayana, the great Indian epic story, and each precise movement is full of



meaning — stomping means anger, and pointing to the heart means love. The dancers, who perform to the accompaniment of exotic music, are adorned in lovely silk and brocade costumes.

Less-exotic music is found at Bangkok's more-contemporary night spots. Many of the clubs which began thriving during the Vietnam War two decades ago, when American soldiers flocked to Bangkok for "rest and recreation,"

have closed. But there are still hundreds in existence, and locals or hotel staffers will readily provide a visitor with personal lists of favorites.

The dancing style at the clubs is hardly classical. Seminude, or starkly nude, women participate in a variety of revues which can be seen for the price of a drink. One revue employs a real shower on the stage, another a large and very live cobra, while a third show resembles cheerleading

at a high school football game in rural North Dakota.

Unlike some clubs in European capitals, Bangkok's night spots are generally harmless. Although the bar bills mount if one starts buying drinks for the cast, the touts are not aggressive and the women are friendly, not forceful. Women employed in these establishments are obviously working for money but, unlike some of their counterparts worldwide, they are generally open

# Tips and Tidbits for Tourists

**T**HAI are extremely tolerant and it is difficult to offend them. But they are also a traditional people, and will appreciate it if you show deference to their social and religious practices.

Thais revere the royal family and do not appreciate any criticism of the monarchy.

Outward expressions of anger are considered crude and boorish. Thai men, in a simple expression of friendship, often hold hands in public. Thai couples, however, do not because public display of affection between sexes is frowned upon.

The average Thai surname is long and complex and people are usually called by their first name preceded by Khun. When greeting a Thai, men should say "Sawatdee, krab" and women "Sawatdee, ka."

It is the Thai belief that the head is the highest and most important part of the body. Do not touch someone's head, even as a friendly gesture to a child.

Always remove shoes before entering a Thai temple, home or mosque. Do not go into religious shrines shirtless, in shorts or wearing other unsuitable attire. Women cannot enter the monks' quarters nor give anything directly to a monk.

Each Buddha image is regarded as a sacred object. Do not climb on them or otherwise show disrespect.

It is considered rude to point your feet, or foot, at a person or object. Be careful while sitting cross-legged.

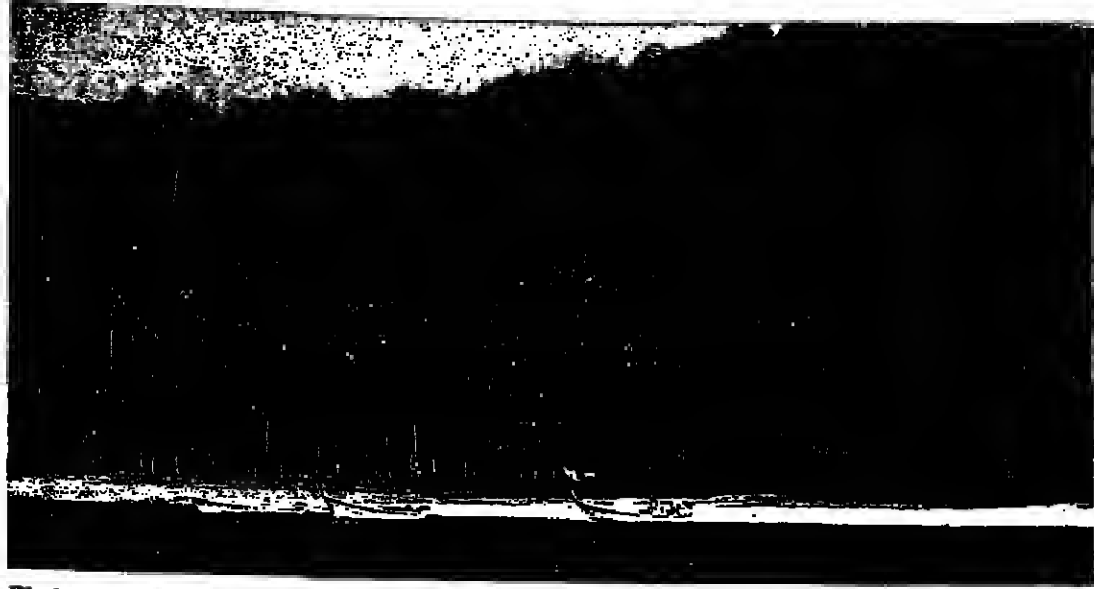
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## Thailand's Beachfront Tourism Center: Major Resorts and Hidden Treasures



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THE 2,500-kilometer-long Thai coastline, which runs along both the Gulf of Thailand and the Indian Ocean, includes palm-fringed and rugged, rocky beaches, jungle-covered cliffs, deserted coves, unspoiled fishing villages, isolated islands and sophisticated resorts.

While the crowded beaches sometimes resemble those in the south of France, there are many secluded stretches of sand where coconut palms far outnumber people. Thai resorts range from the popular and fashionable to the remote and still-undiscovered. But almost everywhere there are facilities for waterskiing, parasailing, windsurfing, snorkeling and, of course, sunbathing.

The Thai Riviera, as the coast on the Gulf of Thailand is called, is a favorite for many Thais because of its proximity to Bangkok. They usually head to Bang Saen, 100 kilometers southeast of the capital, or the crescent bay of Pattaya, 150 kilometers away.

Booming Pattaya (the name means "the wind blowing from the southwest to the northeast at the beginning of the rainy season") is the Thai Riviera's jet-set resort. And it keeps maintaining the social pace: The Royal Cliff Beach Hotel added a regal touch last month when it opened the seven-story Royal Wing with 86 executive suites.

Pattaya's night life, which has earned it the name Paragon-on-the-Sea, continues to foster the reputation that began when it was "discovered" by American servicemen in the early 1960s. But before hitting the beaches and clubs, there are other attractions: a good daytime view of the area can be obtained from Phra Tamnak Hill, elephants can be seen demonstrating their working capabilities at the Pattaya Elephant Kraal, and it is worth boating to the nearby coral islands.

For a more relaxing spot on the Thai Riviera, drop in on Hua Hin, 200 kilometers from Bangkok on the western side of the Gulf. This resort, which has been popular since

the royal family constructed a summer residence there in the 1930s, has spacious beaches, a golf course and the usual water-oriented sports.

Hua Hin's fame is also associated with the Railway Hotel, which was used to portray Phnom Penh's hotel in the film "The Killing Fields." It is also known for the opportunity it offers for a solitary horse ride on the beach. Further south is Songkhla, an old Chinese city built on a peninsula with beaches, a lake and two off-shore islands called Car and Rat.

Phuket, undiscovered a decade ago, is now a "must" resort for tourists. Known as the pearl of Thailand (the name, however, means "hill" in Thai), Phuket is 550 miles south of Bangkok on the Andaman Sea and is most easily reached by plane — though a causeway connects it to the mainland.

It is an island of rubber plantations, muddied water buffalo plowing rice paddies, and spiced meals eaten to the lapping of waves. Stalls throughout the Phuket sell fresh

avocados, coconuts, pineapples, bananas and rambutans for a pittance. There are numerous beaches — Patong, Nai Yang, Surin, Kata and Karon — and an interesting Sino-Portuguese architectural style in the main town. Phuket activities include diving in the coral reefs and searching the caves for the nests that are key ingredients in bird's nest soup.

Visitors should also take a boat trip to the islands in Phang Nga Bay where the James Bond film "The Man With the Golden Gun" was shot. Today, contemporary Gold-fingers meet you with cultured pearl necklaces, smoked mackerel and painted shells. Another worthwhile

trip is to the Phi Phi islands, three hours east of Phuket.

Another interesting coastal retreat on the Andaman Sea is Ranong, near the border with Burma, which features hot springs and is a good base from which to visit the Surin and Samilan islands.

For those seeking a bit of solitude, the up and coming island is Koh Samui, Thailand's third-largest island, 268 nautical miles south of Bangkok. Samui still has few hotels and is unspoiled, though that may change when an airport opens in April. The island features a national park and is the source for most of the coconuts sold in Bangkok.

—J.S.M.

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### Thailand - in Facts and Figures

**Population:** 55 million.  
**Inhabitants:** Thai (80%), Chinese (10%), Malay (4%), Lao, Burmese, Vietnamese, Indian and other (6%).  
**Size:** 514,000 square kilometers (the size of France), shaped somewhat like the head of an elephant.  
**Official language:** Thai. English and Chinese widely spoken.  
**Religion:** Buddhism (94%), Islam (4%), Confucianism (1.5%), Christianity and others (0.5%).  
**Government:** Independent since 1938, governed by Constitutional Monarchy since 1932.  
**Head of State:** His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX).  
**Currency:** Thai baht (U.S.\$1 = 26 baht) divided into 100 satang.  
**Local time:** GMT + 7 hours.  
**Weights and measures:** Metric.  
**Location:** Shares borders with Burma, Laos, Kampuchea and Malaysia.  
**Geography:** Mountainous north, semi-arid northeast plateau, fertile central plains and tropical southern isthmus.  
**Weather:** Hot season from March to May, rainy season from June to Oct., cool season from Nov. to Feb.



Ancient Ayutthaya features numerous ruins, temples and crumbling shrines.

## Guiding the Way to Ancient Ayutthaya

WHILE it is possible to explore Thailand as an individual, many tourists hire an experienced guide or join an organized tour for part of their local exploration. These solutions are eminently practical, allowing for minimal problems with language and the tatty Thai traffic, while providing a prime source of historical information and contemporary gossip.

Perhaps the best way to visit Ayutthaya, which 220 years ago had a population greater than London's, is by taking the day-long guided tour from the Oriental Hotel. The 740 baht (U.S.\$28.50) excursion leaves by bus, returns by boat and includes a buffet luncheon during the downstream cruise on the Chao Phraya River. While there is hardly anything exciting about the 90-minute bus ride, the four-hour boat trip provides an interesting glimpse of the hectic lifestyles of the 15 percent of the Thai population living on the water.

The historical trek focuses on the famed capital of Siam between 1350, when it was founded by King Rama Thiboid, and 1767, when it fell to the invading Burmese. Ayutthaya's period of absolute monarchy ("which meant the king could cut your throat anytime he wanted to," explained one guide-for-the-day, Somsak Thaipuddee) included the reigns of 33 different kings.

Somsak started the morning by cracking jokes to the mainly western and Japanese group of tourists: "Don't get lost because you all look alike." "Most of the 450-year-old

antiques they will try to sell you were finished yesterday — but don't tell them I told you that." "A set of postcards is the most authentic thing you can buy."

There are 300 ruins, temples and crumbling shrines in Ayutthaya and some can be visited by taking a boat on the canals. But Somsak contends it is better to visit two or three of the best on foot.

A good first stop is Wat Yai Chai Mongkol (the Temple of Great Celebration of Victory), built to commemorate a successful single-handed elephant combat by King Narasuan against the Burmese in 1592. The temple garden is replete with aphorisms on almost every tree ("Check your mind from evil," "Riches ruin the fool," "Cut down the forest of passion but not real trees") and Somsak, in the same spirit, tells everyone to "Please take your time, but hurry."

The second stop is at the Wat Mahathat (the Great Relic of Lord Temple) with grounds filled with numerous pagodas, *chedis* and a lot of sculpted Buddhas, some of which were beheaded for illicit export. A third stop features Thailand's largest bronze statue of Buddha, at Viharn Phra Mongkol Bopit, where Thai visitors throw bamboo sticks for the oracle.

As a follow-up to this glimpse of Ayutthaya's haunting past, one can visit the more-intact Bank Pa-In Palace, which was the summer residence of Rama V and Rama VI in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Bank Pa-In is an intriguing mix

of European-influenced architecture, a pagoda bequeathed by Chinese merchants in Bangkok, and a beautiful Thai pavilion positioned on stilts in a lake.

The Oriental Queen, docked near the palace, was the site for lunch on this expedition. "Do not elevate the mind but ignore the stomach," said Somsak.

The 450-kilometer-long Chao Phraya River, which is constantly brown due to the country's fertile soil, is known as the river of kings and always includes a lot of commercial traffic. Between bites one can see teak barges carrying rice, women doing laundry, Thai children brushing their teeth or swimming in the water (something, Somsak pointed out, that foreigners might not want to do), as well as a number of floating markets.

Along the route is a large bird sanctuary and, despite numerous efforts by authorities to get rid of them, a constant profusion of green water plants on the river. Closer to Bangkok emerge the sleek royal barges, the Grand Palace and the lovely Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun).

The cruise ends at Bangkok — the city's canals have been filled in and replaced by pavement, ending its claim to be the Venice of the East. Still, the lack of a Venetian connection did not bother Somsak, a contemporary merchant.

"Please ignore the rumors that guides don't like ops," he said as the boat docked at the Oriental Hotel. "They are false."

—J.S.M.

## 1987: The Year to See Thailand

TOURISM outdistances rice, tapioca, textiles and teak as Thailand's largest earner of foreign exchange. The number of tourists visiting the country last year increased 11 percent to 2.6 million, and authorities estimate there will be almost 3 million visitors in 1987, which has been targeted as "Visit Thailand Year."

Why go now? Dharmnoon Prachuabmoh, the governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, discussed the country's tourism strategies during a recent promotional stopover in Nice, France.

Why is 1987 "Visit Thailand Year"? The private and public sector, and the Thai population in general, is gearing up for His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 60th birthday on December 5. The birthday which completes a person's fifth 12-year cycle is a momentous event in the life of every Thai and the nation will salute the king with exceptional fanfare.

The Thai people will pay their respects to the monarch with 12 months of color and pageantry, special festivals and celebrations. Our regular festivals will be enhanced and special events will be held, including many symbolic state ceremonies steeped in ancient traditions.

The major events will be the royal procession on October 16 and the king's birthday on December 5. The fête, is not just in Bangkok but throughout the country, and each province will feature traditional local fairs, giving tourists an added incentive to move off the beaten path. There is something exciting every week and we expect it to create an increased interest in visiting Thailand.

What would you do if you had a week to spend in Thailand?

First of all, I would extend my itinerary to two weeks, which is the amount of time necessary for one to get a good sense of the country. I would spend three days in Bangkok and then pursue personal interests — sunbathing, shopping, game viewing, culture, architecture or archaeology — in different parts of the country.

Thai hotels, food and nightlife are all affordable and there are numerous shopping bargains in fashion, leather, antiques and other goods. The cost of living is half as much outside Bangkok as within the capital — where prices are about a third of those in Europe.

What kind of reception will most tourists find?

Many people are amazed to find

that Thais are friendly, easy to meet and hospitable. They are surprised by our long history, cultural traditions and religion. These things simply are not found in surrounding countries.

Businessmen who come for the frequent conferences in Bangkok, which bring in about 30 percent of our total tourism revenue, are also pleased with the facilities for conventions.

What are your plans for Thai tourism during the next five years?

Tourism is a revenue-earning



Dharmnoon Prachuabmoh.

and employment-creating sector. We will expand the range of facilities and services to make parts of the country to further make Thailand a top destination for travelers. We will keep catering to knowledgeable, experienced travelers, about 30 percent of whom will continue to come on package tours, but will still keep hotel rates and prices reasonable.

Are there any serious problems that should be anticipated by prospective tourists?

The major problem is that, except within Bangkok, Thais do not always speak English. But there are excellent guides and tourist offices throughout the country.

Getting to Thailand is no problem. Thai Airways International currently flies to 43 key destinations in 30 countries. Last autumn it added Stockholm and Düsseldorf to its European routes. The airline has an added service, Royal Orchid Holidays, which sets up group or individual tours. And there are a number of other good local agencies, like Dieckmann Travel and World Travel Service.

The Don Muang International Airport, which will open a new arrivals wing this spring and complete the departure hall by December, is a hub for international flights to southeast Asia.

—J.S.M.

## Shopping: True Bargains - and Some Fakes - Abound

MERGE a 600-year-old artistic tradition, superb contemporary craftsmanship and low labor costs and you get some great shopping.

Silks and cottons, sapphires and rubies, antiques and "instant antiques" are some of Thailand's best buys. Finely tailored suits and made-to-order shoes, once Hong Kong's great forte, are now found at far cheaper prices in Bangkok. Hand-crafted silverware and celadons are other musts.

The classic start to a Bangkok shopping spree is Jim Thompson, the premier silk store named after the American who revived the Thai silk industry after World War II (and then disappeared mysteriously into the jungle).

The two-story emporium vibrates with elegant salesladies and unfurling bolts of house-designed and printed silks and cottons. The colors, sheens and designs are marvellous — and prices the highest in Bangkok.

A yard of printed silk fabric sells for the equivalent of U.S. \$13.50; a ready-made cocktail dress averages \$135, and a cotton day dress just under \$60. In the men's department, a long-sleeved silk shirt is \$52; one in cotton \$35, and a silk tie costs \$12.50.

While it's best to avoid cheap outlets — and tourists who may take you to some — there are a number of other excellent silk and cotton stores where color-finesness and durability are also guaranteed — and where prices are far lower than at Jim Thompson. Among these are Design Thai, Thai Pan and Shinawatra.

Bangkok's back alleys and chic shopping plazas abound with tailors and dressmakers. Visiting U.S. congressmen and business executives drop by to have suits cut at Perry's, Art's or Adam's tailors (average price ranges from \$90 to \$220). The Thai prime minister, a suave dresser, favors July Tailors.

But one doesn't need the top of the line for such Bangkok standards as the safari suit or shirts of military design.

A distinctive haute couture, abetted by a craze for fashion shows, is thriving with its creations on display at boutiques in Charn Issara Tower, Amarin Plaza and Siam Center. Well-established high-society dressmakers include Pornai, Ngam Vilai, Kai Bourique and New House.

Visitors with at least four days in town can have a pair of ant-eater-hide boots made to measure (\$115 at the well-regarded Siam Bootery).

Thailand offers a wide range of superb shoes, handbags and various accessories in leather as well as snake, lizard and crocodile skins (the crocs are farmed, not shot in the wild). Custom-made women's shoes in various materials are available from \$25 to \$40.

Bangkok is rapidly becoming a major world center for precious stone cutting as well as jewelry design. Rubies, sapphires, diamonds and other stones are imported — or smuggled — from Burma, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Australia and even further afield.

There is also a lot of colored glass around, behooving shoppers to stick to outlets with solid, long-standing reputations and which provide certificates of authenticity. Like the award-winning The Lovers' at the Dusit Thani Hotel, a number of the best are found in the arcades of first-class hotels. Tok Kwang Jewellers is one of several which have been around for years.

Expect to pay between \$110 and \$230 per carat for a passable ruby, with the finest, Burma-mined ones beginning in the \$3,800 range and soaring to \$75,000 per carat. A super sapphire can be purchased for around \$1,200 a carat.

Experts at Bangkok's National Museum estimate that as many as nine out of ten items sold at the city's antique stores are fakes, with the antique dealers themselves often victims of some of the world's most skillful forgers. Furthermore, it is a rare dealer who will show his best pieces to anyone but a top collector. So unless one comes equipped with a vast knowledge of Thai, Burmese and Cambodian art history and is prepared to gamble large sums, a sound policy is to shun expensive antiques and go for the fake.

An "instant antique" industry has mushroomed in recent years and the results — in wood, ceramic, bronze and stone — are often of remarkable quality. More and more

are being sold as reproductions and prices, naturally, are fractions of those for the real thing.

A final note of caution: check with the government's Fine Arts Department on rules for exporting antiques as well as Buddhist images of even recent vintage.

In Bangkok, the best place for both real antiques and reproductions is River City, a shopping plaza which has attracted more than 30 of the country's top dealers, including Gallerie d'Art, Neold Craft, Chaima and Sano's. The nearby Oriental Plaza is also recommended.

But the bargain hunter can do no better than travel to the lovely northern city of Chiang Mai, where many of the instant-antiques are made. Chiang Mai has a centuries-old tradition of fine craftsmanship and fathers still pass on to sons the inner magic of silver, niello, bronze, lacquer, celadon and wood.

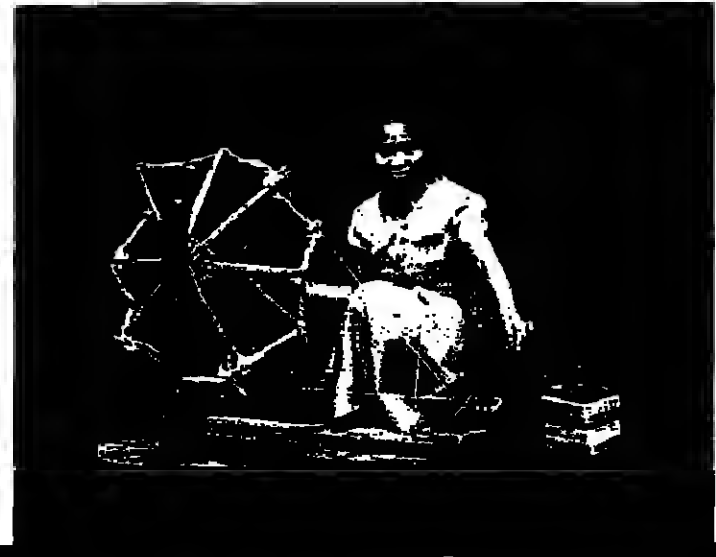
Bangkok, of course, also offers numerous craft outlets. For hill tribe and lowland village handwork of high quality, stop at one of several Chitralada stores, sponsored by Queen Sirikit.

Bargaining is the rule in a variety of shopping situations — when purchasing jewelry (at even the most upmarket retailers), having clothes made, and in antique stores. But it is not practiced in department stores and places like Jim Thompson.

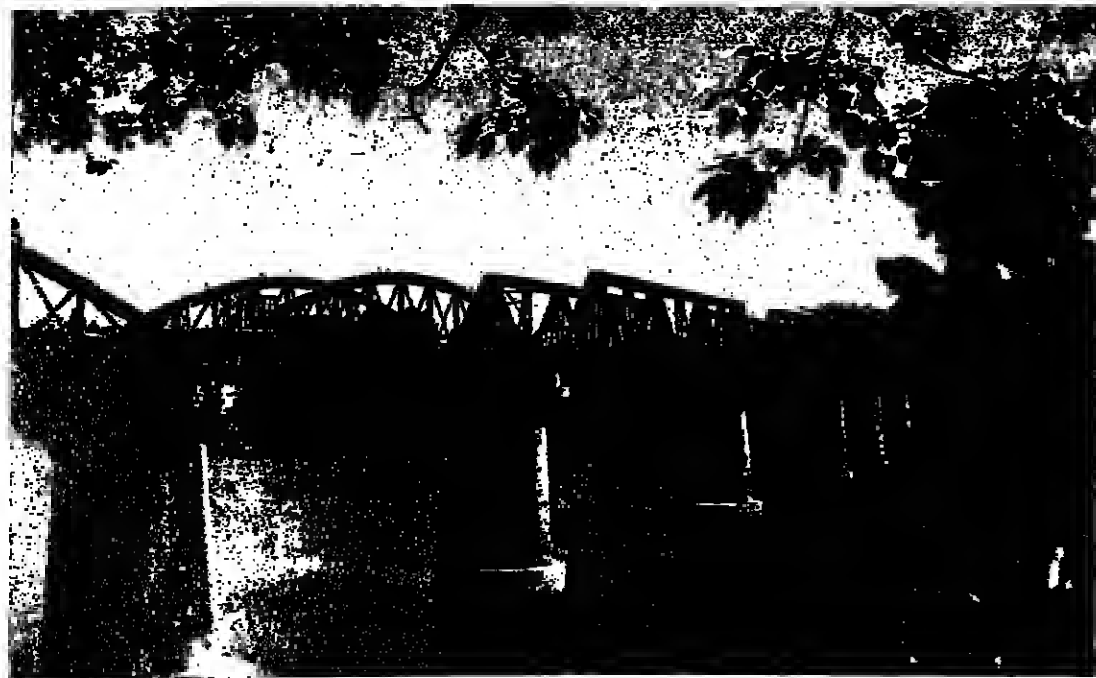
Bargaining is refined to an art in Thailand's open-air markets, where selling is invariably handled by wizened women with sharp tongues and a wrinkle in their eyes.

Bangkok's markets, especially the mind-boggling Weekend Market, are best explored with a Thai speaker, especially when bargaining is called for (locals can extract better prices than foreigners). Nancy Chandler's annotated map of city markets is an excellent guide to a world of exotic and day-to-day life of the Thais.

—T.V.M.







### Above the Bridge on the River Kwai

**J**UNGLE Rafts Hotel — I am swaying in a hammock on the terrace of a floating hotel about 70 kilometers upriver from the Bridge on the River Kwai. There are neither electricity nor flush toilets but the 20 thatched-roofed rooms, floating on bamboo poles lashed together with hemp cord, do have running water.

The hotel can be reached by taking a long-tail boat up the brown Kwai River but, despite the relative isolation, I am not the only one here. On the nearby shore, an elephant is being ridden by his Thai trainer and some water buffalo are bathing downstream. There are two

monkeys sleeping in a cage in the dining room.

I don't miss the air conditioning, automobiles or telephones of overly civilized Bangkok, but I do find it just as difficult to dodge elephant droppings in the dense, mountainous jungle as those of lesser beasts on city sidewalks. That is about the only inconvenience of being in this somewhat remote spot. I resolve it by hiring the elephant to ride through the jungle and explore some nearby caves and shrines.

At night, after a Thai-French dinner (the hotel is owned by a Frenchman, Jacques Bes, who, one assumes, provided the culinary in-

struction), there is a unique dance and music performance by the Mons tribespeople running the hotel. The star is a child dancer who can't be much more than three years old, and he generates enthusiastic applause from myself and the other Dutch, British and Australian guests. After the performance I get that great bonus of the wilds: a sound ten-hour sleep.

The Jungle Rafts hotel is a good place to reflect and relax, or just relax, after visiting the Bridge on the River Kwai and the temple-run JEATH Museum — so-called because the monks did not want to call it Death Museum and instead

named it after the primary nations (Japan, England, America and Australia, Thailand and Holland) which participated in action here during World War II.

The JEATH museum, and the 6,982 tombstones in the well-kept and tranquil British-run cemetery in Kanchanaburi, are both vivid reminders of what occurred just over 40 years ago. Allied prisoners of war and labor from India and a number of southeast Asian countries were forced by their Japanese captors to build a 415-kilometer-long railroad, appropriately nicknamed the Death Railway, to maintain the Japanese army in Burma. Construction began in September 1942, and when it was completed 16 months later over 16,000 Allied prisoners, and many more Asian laborers, had died of sickness, malnutrition, beatings, exhaustion and injuries.

The simple but moving museum is set in a bamboo hut on the same location in which some prisoners lived. Modeled on their prison compound, it displays the cramped space in which they slept and subsisted primarily on rice and pumpkin soup. It contains moving photographs, detailed written accounts and an array of articles (helmets, canteens, and guns) used by the prisoners and their wardens.

"It was routine work. Clear the jungle, uproot the trees, make a camp, prepare the embankment; then move on and start all over again," recalled Dutchman Cornelius Evers. "To the Japanese, we prisoners were in disgrace because, according to their rules, it was more honorable to die than accept defeat."

The railway, which became even more important to the Japanese when their sea and air routes were controlled by the Allies, was embodied by the jungle-camouflaged bridge built amid low hills. Connecting the valleys of Kwai Yai and Kwai Noi, it became a symbol of this World War II theater and was featured in the film "The Bridge on the River Kwai," released in 1957, adapted from the novel by Pierre Boulle and starring Alec Guinness.

It takes only a few minutes to walk across the bridges, which include many of the original elliptical spans built with material imported from Java and a 100-meter central rectangular section added after the Thais purchased the railway in the 1950s.

When I visit, two saffron-robed monks walking across the bridge are constantly forced to step aside to avoid motor scooters spitting between the tracks. I walk a few hundred meters up the line and imagine that the people who were forced to construct it probably tried to build the world's worst railway.

One villager recalls that at the time she, like everyone else, was constantly scared. She tells me about the day the bridge was bombed and the incomparable relief when it was all over. She makes it clear she prefers her present occupation: selling bananas and fruits to contemporary tourists.

Like many Kwai visitors who have seen the movie, I find myself whistling the popular score as I leave the bridge behind.

—J.S.M.



Chiang Mai's floating market, a prime spot for local produce.

### Chiang Mai's Varied Highlights: Elephant Rides, a Thai Massage

**C**HIANG Mai — The best way to get introduced to this capital city of northern Thailand is to climb the 306 steps, or take the tramway, to the Wat Phra That, the magnificent Buddhist temple on Doi Suthep mountain.

From this thousand-meter-high perch the visitor has a panoramic view of the town, its fertile valley and lush forests, as well as the surrounding mountains which form the lower ranges of the Himalayas. Looking another five kilometers up Doi Suthep, the visitor can see Bhubing Palace, the summer residence of King Bhumibol. The palace's elaborate gardens flower with roses, orchids, hibiscus and bougainvillea.

Chiang Mai, founded in 1296 and once the capital of the kingdom of Lanna Thai (the Land of a Million Rice Fields), is one-fourth the size of Bangkok, with a relatively moderate climate that provides a refreshing change from the often-humid south. Those visiting Chiang Mai early next month will be in time for the city's annual flower festival (Feb. 6-8), featuring a spectacular floral float procession that depicts episodes from Thai mythology, legends and folk tales.

Another enjoyable day to drop in is April 13. This is Songkran, the traditional Thai New Year, marked by religious merit-making, parades and dancing throughout the country. It is traditional for celebrants to sprinkle scented water on their elders, monks and Buddha images as a gesture of veneration. But in Chiang Mai, where the new year falls in the middle of the dry season, Songkran celebrations are a bit more rambunctious than most, involving a substantial amount of water-throwing. Everyone gets wet.

This is somewhat out of character for the city: Chiang Mai and its population of 200,000 are usually well-ordered and quiet. Although not quite the relaxed village of a dozen years ago, the moated city has a quiet beauty, with many northern-style temples dating from the 1300s.

It is extremely difficult not to go on a shopping binge in Chiang Mai. Prices for most items, including Burmese antiques and jade, are generally lower than in Bangkok and there is a wide range of locally made goods.

As always, it's wise to pay careful attention while shopping ("Face it, there are a lot of future antiques for sale," admitted one salesperson). As a general policy, don't purchase anything without haggling the price down 10 to 25 percent. There is not a profusion of hard sell, but shopkeepers in Chiang Mai are keen to make a deal, sometimes offering to meet prospective customers at the airport with a credit card machine to help influence last-minute purchasing decisions.

Chiang Mai is now Thailand's second major tourist destination and has all the required facilities, including a golf course at Lanna where the female caddies are distinguished by their bright orange apparel.

There are numerous hotels, like the Old Orchid and the Rincoone, downtown, but many visitors prefer making the 45-minute drive to the Mae Sa Valley Mountain Holiday Resort (Tel.: 053-251191, Telex: 82436) located amid thickly forested terrain.

By staying in the valley one can more easily visit Meo tribal villages and an elephant camp with a daily show featuring the animals at work. There are only 4,000 working elephants left in Thailand; another elephant camp is located in Chiang Dao. A short ride can be taken for \$1, or a longer trek in the jungles can be arranged. There are also many colorful orchid nurseries, and the Sai Nam Phung Orchid Nursery sells bottled orchid seedlings (\$8 for six plants) as well as the food and anti-fungus spray to help them grow.

Although Chiang Mai is 15 hours by train and nine hours by bus from Bangkok (until the late 1920s it could only be reached by an arduous river journey or an elephant ride of several weeks), it can be more easily reached by a one-hour airplane flight (round-trip fare from Bangkok, \$93). One of the advantages of the latter is that near the airport, and behind the Old Chiang Mai Cultural Center (where the nightly Thai banquet and hill tribe show, with an elaborate presentation featuring the costumes and dances of the seven hill tribes native to the area, is well-worth attending) is the Rinkae Phovech Ancient Massage where the masseuses practice the invigorating traditional Thai massage (\$8 an hour).

"I take groups of foreigners for a massage after long bus trips in northern Thailand and they never want to leave," said one guide, Bualkaw ("Betty") Thairai, who suggested that more adventurous travelers may want to visit Maw Hong Son near the Burma border, or Chiang Rai, near the 200,000-square-kilometer Golden Triangle formed by the borders of Thailand, Laos and Burma.

In both places one can trek between villages of various hill tribes — including the Meo, Lisu, Lahu, Yao, Akha, Lawa and Karen of Tibeto-Burman origin — and in Chiang Rai there is an exciting trip on the Mekong River (and a chance to sample the renowned Mekong whiskey). Also worth a visit are the stunning temples in Lamphun as well as Thailand's highest mountain, waterfalls and wildlife in the Doi Inthanon National Park.

"But wherever you go," said Thairai, who tries to get a rubdown at least once a week, "don't leave Chiang Mai without getting a massage."

—J.S.M.

### Taking a Gamble on Thai Sports

**T**HAI people will gamble on anything," Suracham Vibulpakdi told a visitor as they drove past the Lumpinee boxing stadium.

"That can't be!" came the reply. "Wanna bet?" he retorted.

In fact, it's often true. The Thais love gambling, and much of it is done on and at athletic events. There are two horse race tracks in Bangkok, but the gambling extends far beyond — to beetle fighting in Chiang Mai and kite fighting whenever the winds blow. However, it's generally agreed that the most money changes hands at the nightly Thai boxing matches in Bangkok.

Thai-style boxing would probably impress even Mike Tyson — the activity is comparable to playing American football without the benefit of padding. Thai boxers sport ballooning trunks and small, lightly padded brown gloves. Until 1940, these gloves were constructed of woven hemp that was often studded with bits of glass.

Both combatants usually have protective amulets knotted around their heads and biceps and are adorned with sweet-smelling jasmine wreaths prior to the fight. Before trying to go the distance (five three-minute rounds with a two-minute break between rounds), the barefoot pugilists perform slow-motion exercises and dances — tributes to the boxing styles taught at their respective camps, homage to their instructors, and a preview of how they plan to win the upcoming bout. During the fight an orchestra of flutes, Java pipes, cymbals and drums plays, setting the pace and reflecting the increasing tempo of the action in the ring.

Thai boxing is a street fighter's dream — a combination of karate, taekwon do and Western boxing that demands the deft use of hands, feet, elbows, knees and legs. The sport began during the Ayutthaya period, between 1350 and 1767, and the only taboos, according to the official regulations, are "wrestling,



Thai boxing demands the use of hands, feet, elbows and legs.

judo, throwing, butting, biting, spitting and kicking while down." Even so, it's not uncommon for the boxers to bend the rules.

The activity in the ring, however, is only part of the show. Additional action is focused on bets, usually made during the third and fourth rounds. Bettors hold fists, hands and

fingers in the air to indicate the chosen fighter, the odds and the amount of the bet. When two bettors come to terms, a split-second process, they clasp fingers to seal the deal.

Similar betting occurs during boat racing, which is featured at many country fairs and involves

long, narrow wooden boats manned by competitive oarsmen and festooned with flags and flowers.

Kites have long been popular in Thailand, for sport and, in one memorable instance, in warfare: an Ayutthaya governor quelled a 1690 rebellion by flying massive kites over a besieged city and bombarding it with jars of explosives.

The object of contemporary kite fighting is to down an opponent's kite in its own territory. The match is often a symbolic battle of the sexes, with star-shaped kites representing the male and the smaller diamond-shaped kites the female. Kites also come in animal shapes, including snakes, dragons, frogs and butterflies, and in all sizes.

Kite tournaments are held from March through May. A prime time to view the sport, and perhaps make a bet, is during the international kite festival in Pattaya (April 11-13). Competitors come from the U.S., the Netherlands, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and the People's Republic of China.

—J.S.M.

### Finding Bliss — at the Bangkok Barbershop

**T**HE elaborate list of services at the Panache Barbershop is similar to a menu in a three-star restaurant. There is not only the usual shampoo, shave, haircut, pedicure, manicure and facial but also the more exotic ear cleaning, eye wash and head massage. I look at the cast of actors — Kanjana Nakaulai performing the pedicure and manicure, Noi Ampham sitting with the head and neck massage — and feel like I am at the theater.

I have just arrived in Bangkok and, as often, my first stop is the barbershop — where I usually get the full treatment. I consider this activity as much cultural and social as cleansing and sensual. It takes the edge off a long flight, introduces me to the services that are unique to Thailand, and lets me talk to people.

Barbershops in Thailand are a focal point of social contact for Thais — perhaps second only to

temples — and a serious visit takes a few hours. This voyage into innocent bliss is set primarily in an elaborate barber's chair which is electronically controlled and has an internal vibrating mechanism. Once seated, I sit back and enjoy the show.

Prices vary for the different services, but are usually at least double in the large hotels where they are at more simple establishments on the streets. A shampoo and haircut at Panache at the Hyatt Central hotel costs 220 baht (U.S. \$8.50), a manicure or ear cleaning is 110 baht (\$4.25) and a legitimate upper-body massage is 100 baht (\$4). Noi Ampham, or one of her ten colleagues, will also give a complete body massage in a separate room off the shop.

Although many doctors object to the ear cleaning, it is a tradition among Thais to go to barbers for this purpose.

"It is very difficult to adequately clean one's ears by oneself and some people are lazy, which is why they leave it to barbers," explained Nitya Dampapa, the Panache receptionist. "Barbers like our own Mana Chaiyathed are extensively trained in this art at hairdressing school and work with the precision of a surgeon."

The ear cleaning consists of the removal of wax from the outer ear using a small scalpel-like instrument. It is followed by a cleansing with alcohol, a "massage" with a brush made from chicken feathers and a symphonic finale formed by quickly clicking two metal instruments together.

"I'd go deaf if I didn't have my ears cleaned and I'm convinced it improves my hearing," said the Thai sitting in an adjoining chair.

—J.S.M.



### Phuket Island: Unspoiled Charm

**T**HE horseshoe bay is fringed with low, deep green hills: nothing spectacular, yet quietly pretty. The white sand beach is known as Patong, and the sea is clean, clear and refreshingly cool at this time of the year. Yachts bob in the natural harbor, the calm disturbed only now and again by a few waterskiers and water-scooters.

This is Phuket island's busiest and most developed beach, but there are no high-rise hotels here. The mood is still one of relaxed unspoiled charm.

Lying off Thailand's southwest coast and facing the Andaman Sea, the island is only an hour's flying time from Bangkok. It is large, about the same size as Singapore, and so has room to develop while leaving many sites untouched.

Besides Patong, there are dozens of quieter beaches — neighboring Karon or Kata, for example; Surin, with its sunsets and strong surf; or Mai Khao, the longest beach. There is no road linking these west-coast beaches, necessitating a return trip of a few miles to the main north-south road to go from one to another. This serves as a major plus for tourists: the beaches and coves, free of traffic, maintain a feeling of timelessness and inaccessibility.

—D.W.

### 1987 Calendar

This year has been designated "Visit Thailand Year" and numerous special events have been planned throughout the Buddhist kingdom. Festivals are an important facet of Thai life, commemorating past kings or celebrating Buddhism or the annual cycle of rice farming. The following list includes the main ones:

**JANUARY**  
Don Chedi Memorial Fair, Jan. 24-30, Don Chedi District, Suphan Buri. Commemorating the decisive battle won by King Narai over the Great Art of Chedi, the fair features historical exhibitions, entertainment and local handicraft stalls.  
Phra Nakhon Khiri Fair, Jan. 28-Feb. 1, Phetchaburi. A light and sound presentation traces the history of Phetchaburi province and Phra Nakhon Khiri (City on the Mount), the site of architecturally significant structures and palaces.

**FEBRUARY**  
Flower Festival, Feb. 6-8, Chiang Mai. This annual event features displays, floral floats and beauty contests. It coincides with the period when the province's temperate and tropical flowers are in full bloom.  
Magha Puja, Feb. 12, Nationwide. This annual festival commemorates the occasion

when 1,250 disciples spontaneously gathered to hear the Buddha preach.

**MARCH**  
Phra Buddha Bahh Homage-Paying Fair, March 6-13, Saraburi. Buddhist devotees make the annual pilgrimage to the Holy Footprint on the temple hill near Sankuburi, 236 kilometers north of Bangkok. Festival features folk music, plays and bazaars.  
Thao Suranari Fair, March 25-April 3, Nakhon Ratchasima. Festivities honor the national hero: Thao Suranari who, in 1826, rallied locals to repel invaders from Vietnam. Festivities are centered around Thao Suranari's memorial statue and shrine.

**APRIL**  
The Glory of Ayutthaya, April 3-13, Ayutthaya. Pageantry, displays and entertainment are featured around the magnificent ruins of Ayutthaya, the Siamese capital between 1350 and 1767. The glory of this former capital is presented in a nightly *saew* (luminous spectacle).  
Poi Sang Long Fair, April 4-5, Mae Hong Son. "Poi Sang Long" in the Thai Yai dialect means the ordination ceremony of Buddhist novices, which is believed by the Buddhists to be even more significant than being ordained as monks.  
Chakri Day, April 6, Nationwide. This day commemorates the founding of the present Chakri dynasty. (His Majesty King Bhu-

milol is the ninth Chakri monarch.) This is the one day of the year when the Royal Pantheon in Bangkok's Wat Phra Kao (Emerald Buddha Chapel) is open to the general public.

**MAY**  
Coronation Day, May 5, Bangkok. This day commemorates His Majesty King Bhumibol's crowning in 1950.  
Rocket Festival, May 9-10, Yasothon. Northeast villagers consume gigantic rockets to fire into the sky to "ensure" plentiful rice season rains. The Rocket Festival features beauty parades, folk dances and high-spirited revelry before the ceremonial launching of the rockets.  
Visakha Puja, May 11, Nationwide. This holiest of all Buddhist days marks the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death. Ceremonies are identical to Magha Puja.

**JUNE**  
Fruits Fair, June, Rayong. This annual fair features delicious provincial fruits including rambutan, durian, jackfruits and pomelos. Also featured are cultural displays, exhibitions and folk art.  
Phi Ta Khon Fair, June, Loei. This is a version of rain-making rites held exclusively in Dan Sai District in Loei Province. Phi Ta Khon is believed to be the spirit guarding the Phi Ta Si Sang Rak, the major local

shrine. Activities include religious sermons and a parade of participants dressed like Phi Ta Khon. The event has been compared to the American Halloween.

**JULY**  
Asalha Puja, July 10, Nationwide. This day commemorates the Buddha's first sermon to his first five disciples and introduces Khao Phansa (July 11), the commencement of the annual three-month Buddhist Rain Retreat, when all Buddhist monks reside in their monasteries to study and meditate.

**AUGUST**  
Longan Fair, August 8-9, Lamphun. This fair features best-grown longan crates, exhibitions and a Miss Longan Contest.  
H.M. The Queen's Birthday, August 12, Nationwide. The widespread celebrations find a particular focus in Bangkok, where government buildings are decorated and illuminated at night with colored lights.

**SEPTEMBER**  
Phichit Boat Races, Sept. 5-6, Phichit. This famous regatta features long-boat racing. The low-slung, wooden boats are raced with great gusto.  
Vegetarian Festival, Sept. 23-Oct. 1, Phuket. Phuket islanders of Chinese ancestry commit themselves to a vegetarian diet for nine days. The festival's first day features a

parade of white-clothed devotees and several exotic displays.

**OCTOBER**  
Illuminated Boat Procession, Oct. 5-8, Nakhon Phanom. Inhabitants of this Mekong river province provincially celebrate Ok Phansa by floating intricately decorated miniature boats that are illuminated by flickering candles.  
Chak Phra Festival, Oct. 8, Surat Thani. Buddhist devotees place a Buddha image upon a carriage which is pulled in procession around the town. Both water and land processions are organized, including the Royal Barge Procession.  
Thot Kathin, Oct. 8-Nov. 5, Nationwide. Ok Phansa introduces the Kathin period when, throughout Thailand, the Buddhist laity present monks with new robes and other items deemed necessary for the forthcoming year.  
Royal Barge Procession for the Royal Kathin Ceremony, Oct. 16, Bangkok. His Majesty the King will perform the Ceremony of the Royal Presentation of the Annual Kathin Robes to the congregation of monks at Wat Arun Rajawatsara (The Temple of Dawn). His Majesty will journey from the Suphanabong in the Royal Barge Procession along Chao Phraya River.  
Chulalongkorn Day, Oct. 12, This day

honors King Chulalongkorn (1868-1910), Thailand's most beloved king. This from all walks of life by lavishly decorated wreaths at his equine statue in Bangkok's Royal Plaza.

**NOVEMBER**  
Golden Mount Fair, Nov. 1-8, Bangkok. This most popular of Bangkok Temple Fairs is an annual event attracting Bangkokians and people from surrounding provinces. Sideshows, entertainment booths, folk dramas and numerous foodstalls contrast vividly with religious merit-making around the golden stupa.  
Loi Krathong Festival, Nov. 5, Nationwide. This is Thailand's loveliest festival when, under the full moon, Thais float away onto rivers and waterways in small leaf-shaped boats to honor the water spirits and wash away the previous year's sins.  
Thailand Boat-Racing Championship, Nov. 7-8, Bang Sai Royal Arts & Crafts Center, Ayutthaya. Local and foreign crews will compete on the Chao Phraya River facing this treacherous Arts & Crafts center where quality regional handicrafts are produced.  
Floral Floats Procession, Nov. 13, Bangkok. Interspersed with leading marching bands, the entire procession will proceed along Ratchadamon Avenue from the Royal Plaza to Sanam Luang.

River Kwai Bridge Week, Nov. 28-Dec. 4, Kanchanaburi. This features a thrilling nightly *saew* (luminous spectacle) at the world-famous bridge. Archaeological and historical exhibitions, folk and cultural performances, and rides on trains hauled by WWI-vintage steam engines number among the attractions.

**DECEMBER**  
Grand Celebrations in Honor of His Majesty the King's 60th Birthday Anniversary, Dec. 4-6, Bangkok. The climax of the year's events will be Dec. 5 when His Majesty the King completes his fifth 12-year cycle.  
The King's Birthday, Dec. 5, Nationwide. Festivities occur throughout Thailand. Bangkok buses and taxis fly miniature Thai flags and nighttime Bangkok, particularly in the Ratchadamon Avenue and Grand Palace area, becomes a floodlit fairland of colored lights.  
Tourism Festival & National Identity Exhibition, Dec. 26-Jan. 3, Bangkok. The city will host cultural troupes from all over Thailand. Exotic cultural performances, exhibitions, theme entertainment, regional food stalls, handicraft displays and souvenir stands will be the major attractions.

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EUROBONDS

Stock, Currency Worries Make the Market Cautious

By CARL GEWIRTZ

PARIS — The wild gyrations of U.S. stock prices on Friday and the currency war waged by Washington against West Germany and Japan have laid a blanket of caution over the international capital market.

Normally, stock and bond markets move in opposite directions, but the breadth of the speculative binge in the stock market added another negative, at least psychologically, to the concerns gnawing at confidence.

Jerry Goldstein, a director at Sanwa Bank in London, sums these up as "a weak dollar, a weak president, the prospect of Paul Volcker leaving the Fed, the lack of agreement on exchange rates, the danger of a trade war and, for the United States, the likelihood of increased inflation resulting from higher oil prices and the depreciation of the dollar."

Last week's half-point cut in the base interest rate, to 3 percent, by the Bundesbank did nothing to allay any of the international aspects of these worries. The cuts were regarded as too little, too late and largely neutralized by the central bank's liquidity-absorbing measures to have any effect on West Germany's economic growth prospects this year.

The consensus is that West Germany will be lucky to eke out a 2 percent rate of growth, well below the government's target of 2.5 percent and far below the growth needed to enable the United States to reduce its colossal trade deficit.

Thus, the rate cuts, like the earlier revaluation against the other major European currencies, did nothing to alter the view that the Deutsche mark will continue to strengthen against the dollar. As a result, speculators who have moved into the mark remained there. There was some moderate profit-taking in the domestic bond market last week, but prices on Euro-DM bonds actually rose a fraction.

ALTHOUGH JAPAN is widely expected to reduce its interest rates again this week, the move is already largely discounted in the market and, as with West Germany, is not expected to produce any fundamental change in Japan's growth prospects.

The United States is prodding both countries to speed up growth to deflect more of their production to the home market, as well as to increase their volume of imports. Without such a boost in world trade and a reduction in its own deficit, Washington argues, it will be unable to resist domestic pressure to reduce the imbalance through trade restrictions, which would raise the prospect of a trade war.

For the past year, the U.S. Treasury secretary, James A. Baker 3d, has been warning that the deficit will be cut come what may, if not through increased world trade then through a steady declining value of the dollar.

According to Morgan Guaranty Trust's senior economist, Rimmer de Vries, in order to reduce the current \$170 billion U.S. trade deficit to a more manageable level of around \$70 billion by the end of 1988, Japan needs to be expanding at an annual rate of about 3.5 percent and West Germany by about 3 percent.

Even at those rates of growth, he estimates that the U.S. deficit target could only be reached if the dollar shed another 10 percent or so from current levels, to a rate of 125 yen and 1.60 DM.

If Japanese and West German growth is slower, the dollar exchange rate would have to be even lower if the deficit target were unchanged.

The expectation is that the pain such exchange rates create for industry in Japan and West Germany will force those governments to adopt easier fiscal policies, which would boost domestic demand and spur growth.

The danger is how far the dollar can fall without triggering an international loss of confidence in the currency. Foreign investors are needed not only to go on buying U.S. government securities to finance the huge federal deficit, but they must also continue to hold the paper they have already purchased.

A loss of confidence that caused foreigners to dump the paper they currently hold would set off a major financial crisis, a concern that prompted Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, to warn last week that Washington was "playing with fire" in driving the dollar down.

Whether Japan and West Germany play the game the way Washington would like or whether, as many Europeans fear, the United States simply fans domestic inflation by dramatically increasing import prices remains to be seen. What is clear is that currency markets expect the dollar to continue to weaken.

The bond market so far shows no sign of worrying about

Last Week's Markets

Table with columns for Stock Indices, Money Rates, and Currency Rates. Includes data for DJIA, FTSE 100, and various interest rates.

Currency Rates

Table showing currency exchange rates for various countries including Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London, and New York.

GCA's Troubles and the Issue of Security

Chip Makers and Pentagon Fear Firm's Demise

By David E. Sangor

New York Times Service

ANDOVER, Massachusetts — In a world as unforgiving of mistakes as the microelectronics industry, most people would simply shrug it off if a high-tech equipment maker as small as GCA Corp. ceased to exist in the midst of the computer slump.

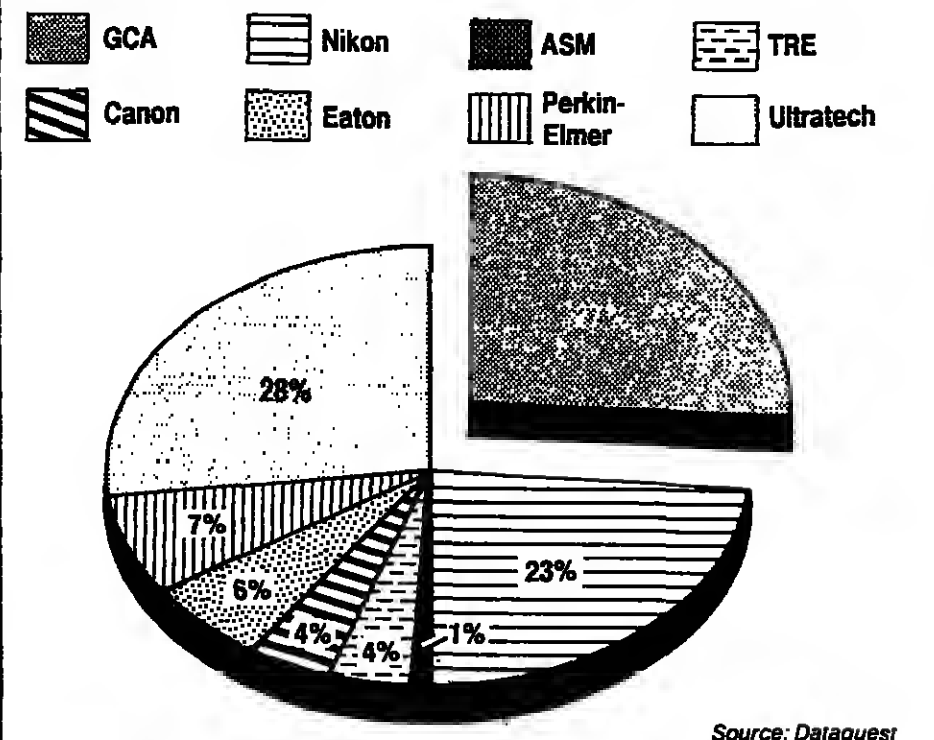
But GCA's problems, instead, have prompted concern at IBM, talk in California's Silicon Valley about the surrender of another industry to the Japanese, and warnings from the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency about threats to national security.

GCA is among the last American makers of "wafer steppers" — the centerpiece of every semiconductor production line. The machines are million-dollar optical devices that expose the pattern of circuitry on silicon chips, aligning each layer of gates and transistors within a hundred-thousandth of an inch.

The technology, pioneered by GCA in the late 1970s, lay at the core of the United States' former dominance in the chip field. Now with the U.S. chip industry already half-crippled, many say the United States is becoming heavily dependent on its international competitors for the machines necessary to remain on the leading edge of technology.

"It's very, very critical," said Donald Latham, the assistant secretary of defense for command, control and communica-

Stepper makers and their market share for 1985 U.S. sales of 222 units.



"This type of equipment is the key to producing finer and finer resolution semiconductor devices that expose the pattern of circuitry on silicon chips, aligning each layer of gates and transistors within a hundred-thousandth of an inch.

Even chip makers heavily dependent on GCA products have turned down opportunities to buy the company, partly because of their own precarious condition, and partly because of a widespread conviction that GCA's management, now departed, rather than Japanese competition, brought GCA to the brink of collapse.

Indeed, if GCA survives, its new managers concede, it will do so only by the width of a silicon slice. The company has lost more than \$100 million in the past two years, and it has a negative net worth of \$12 million. It is in default to its banks and its suppliers, although as part of a broad restructuring in recent months it has negotiated a plan to pay them back about 50 cents on the dollar. Its stock, more than \$40 less than

France Reportedly Acts to Slow Paribas Buying

Reuters

PARIS — Huge demand for shares in the Paribas bank group, which is being sold by the French state, has led to government moves to cool speculation and slow buying by institutional investors, according to official and market sources.

The return to the private sector of Cie. Financière de Paribas is the second of 65 planned by Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's rightist government.

A total of 21 million shares in the group were put up for sale last week at 405 francs (\$66.70) each. The offering closes Jan. 31.

The sources said Friday that a heavy demand for the stock had raised fears that requests for more than 10 shares might be impossible to meet.

It was becoming increasingly

likely that large institutional investors would be squeezed out of the market altogether and some of the 6.3 billion shares reserved for foreign buyers taken back for the domestic market, they said.

The Chirac government's first denationalization, of the glass and building materials maker Cie. de Saint-Gobain, last November was 14 times oversubscribed.

The original 20 percent stake reserved for foreigners was cut to accommodate domestic demand.

Orders for Paribas shares in the first few days of last week were substantially higher than for Saint-Gobain in the equivalent period, bankers and brokers said.

The government gave an indication that it wanted to cool the buying fever for Paribas by asking investment banks and brokerage houses to stop issuing "gray-mar-

ket" quotes on computer-screen services during the two-week flotation.

In gray-market trading, participants quote prices on shares they promise to deliver when formal trading begins.

A Finance Ministry spokesman declined to comment on the move but confirmed reports that the government had drawn market attention to a 1942 law setting prison terms of up to two years for posting share prices outside stock exchange hours.

Brokers and bankers said they had not been threatened by legal action but had been asked not to display gray-market quotes on screens. That was forcing institutional investors to telephone to get an idea of gray-market prices and was slowing transactions, they said.

The Treasury, already charged by the opposition with underpricing Paribas stock, apparently feared that gray-market quotes 20 percent higher than the share issue price would encourage speculation, dealers said.

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EC, U.S. Hopeful Of Agreement In Trade Dispute

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS — European Community and U.S. negotiators failed to settle a trade dispute on Saturday but said they still hoped to reach an agreement this week.

The negotiators are working against a Saturday deadline to settle a dispute over U.S. agricultural exports to Spain that has threatened to escalate into a trans-Atlantic trade war.

The U.S. and EC negotiators met in Washington on Friday and Saturday. Both sides said that differences had been narrowed.

On their return to Brussels, the EC's external relations commissioner, Willy de Clercq, and the agriculture commissioner, Frans Andriessen, said they would report to community foreign ministers on Monday.

Mr. Andriessen said the two sides had agreed not to disclose details of the talks.

"There was no agreement but the negotiations are not yet over," he said.

The dispute is over U.S. demands for at least \$400 million compensation from the EC for the share of the Spanish feed grains market it claims U.S. suppliers lost after Spain joined the EC last year.

An original U.S. deadline of July for resolving the dispute was pushed forward to Dec. 31, then extended for a month.

"There is no question of again prolonging the deadline," Mr. de Clercq said.

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Mr. de Clercq said concessions would have to be made by both sides.

EC sources said this appeared to mean that the community would have to improve on its original offer to allow third countries to export an additional 1.6 million metric tons (1.76 million short tons) of maize and sorghum to the community.

The U.S. share of that total would be about 1.1 million tons. Washington has so far insisted that it would not settle for less than 4.2 million tons, of which 2.8 million would come from U.S. exporters.

(Reuters, AP)

In Shake-Up, Grenfell Names Vice Chairman

Reuters

LONDON — After a shake-up as a result of a scandal surrounding Guinness PLC, Morgan Grenfell Group PLC has appointed Charles Rawlinson group vice chairman.

Mr. Rawlinson will, however, be retiring as chairman of the group's merchant banking arm, Morgan Grenfell & Co., on medical advice, the company said on Friday.

Sir Peter Carey will replace Mr. Rawlinson as chairman of Morgan Grenfell & Co. Sir Peter is also chairman of an executive committee set up to manage the group's affairs pending a review of group organization and management.

Morgan Grenfell's chief executive, Christopher Reeves, and Graham Walsh, a board member and head of corporate finance, stepped down after an internal inquiry into Morgan's role during Guinness's successful bid for Distillers co. last year, Morgan acted as Guinness's financial adviser during the takeover battle.

Roger Seelig, a Morgan Grenfell takeover specialist who represented Guinness, resigned Dec. 31.

Advertisement for Montefibre S.p.A. featuring the company logo, share information (18,000,000 Ordinary Shares and 18,000,000 Savings Shares), and a list of international banks and financial institutions including Banque Nationale de Paris, Deutsche Bank, and J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited.

USX Said to Weigh Sale Of Diversified Businesses

By John Crudele

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — USX Corp. is considering the sale of some, if not all, of the businesses in its diversified products group as the first part of its long-awaited restructuring, according to Wall Street and industry sources.

At least in the first stages, USX will leave untouched its steel operation and its oil and gas businesses, the sources said. USX's chairman, David M. Roderick, is committed to the energy and steel business for now and "not committed to anything else," they said.

USX, formerly U.S. Steel Corp., said in September that it was studying a possible restructuring.

The announcement was made in response to speculation that USX would be the target of a takeover attempt.

A New York investor, Carl C. Icahn, said in October that he had made an \$8 billion bid for USX, but withdrew the offer on Jan. 8.

Mr. Roderick said in December that he would present a partial restructuring plan to the board at a meeting on Tuesday. A company spokesman said Friday that "all indications point to him keeping to that schedule."

Sources on Wall Street said Mr. Roderick seemed to have been leaning in recent weeks toward selling some diversified operations.

Those businesses could generate more than \$1 billion and perhaps as much as \$1.5 billion, the sources said.

The company has already divested some of the operations in the group and put others into joint ventures. On Friday, USX said it had signed a letter of intent to sell Apollo Gas Co., which operates a utility in western Pennsylvania, to Consolidated Gas Co. for undisclosed terms.

"It's logical to expect that they will sell huge chunks if not all of that group," one source on Wall Street said of the diversified operations.

Those operations include Cyclone Fence, Warrior & Gulf Navigation Co., American Bridge, U.S. Agri-Chemicals, USR Realty Development, RMI Co., USX Engineers & Consultants, and several railroads, including Union Railroad Co. and Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad Co.

Much of Tuesday's board meet-

Phone Strike Will Hit London Financial Center

Reuters

LONDON — An indefinite strike by about half of Britain's 230,000 telephone engineers from midnight Sunday is expected to disrupt communications in the City, London's financial center, which relies heavily on telephone lines for its computerized trading systems.

"This is an indefinite all-out stoppage throughout the City," Ron Burch, the leader of the National Communications Union said. "It will affect all aspects of City business."

The union, which represents 110,000 engineers, voted last week for a strike after British Telecommunications PLC refused to reinstate union members suspended during a dispute over pay and conditions.

During the strike, faults will not be repaired and up to 250,000 lines could be out of action by next Sunday, the company estimates.

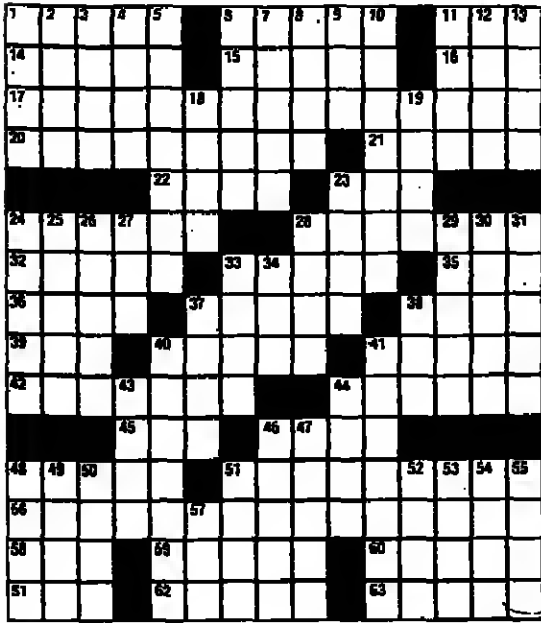
British Telecom management and union leaders are to meet on Monday. Union officials have said they expect a new offer on the dispute.



SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Giants, Broncos Clash in Top U.S. Showcase



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1 Caesar or Waldorf
6 Molten rock in the earth
11 Boone or Nixon
14 Opera part
15 Register
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28 What Othello did to Desdemona
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Pavin Has Slim Lead in U.S. Golf Tourney

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP) — Corey Pavin, winner of the previous week's golf tournament, birdied two of his last three holes Saturday for a five-under-par 66 and a one-shot lead over Paul Azinger after three rounds of the Phoenix Open. There were 14 others — including defending champion Hal Sutton, PGA champion Bob Tway and Doug Tewell — within five strokes. Tewell birdied six of seven holes in one stretch for a 62, while Tway carded a 63, Azinger a 65 and Sutton a 67. Howard Twitty, playing a course he helped design, had shot 65 Friday to share the lead with Steve Jones. Saturday, each shot 74 and was seven shots back.

Mannen Winner of Hong Kong Marathon

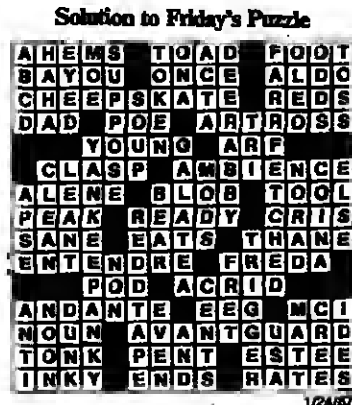
HONG KONG (AP) — Rick Mannen of Canada won Sunday's 10th annual Hong Kong Marathon, beating a field of about 700 in 2 hours, 20 minutes, 51 seconds. American Doug Kurus was second in 2:21:53 and Briton Neil Featherby third (2:23:03). In Japan, defending champion Lorraine Moller of New Zealand, running in snow, won the Osaka International women's marathon in 2:30:40, beating Lisa Martin of Australia, the New York City Marathon runner-up, by 19 seconds.

Favored Oursi Trots to 2d Victory in Paris

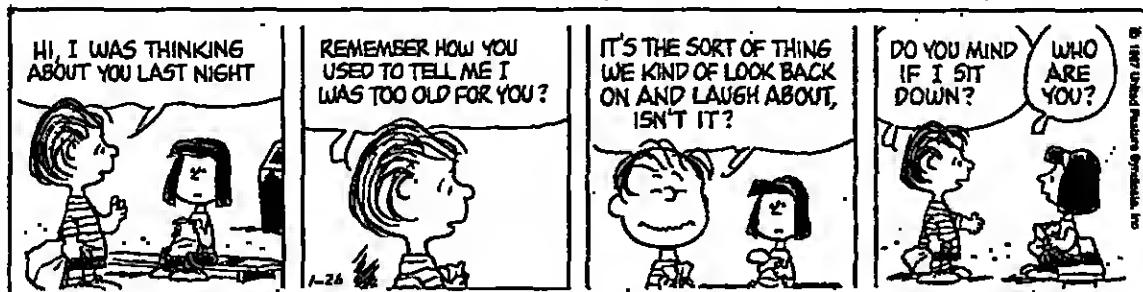
PARIS (AP) — Oursi, the French trotter driven by Jean-René Gougeon, on Sunday won the Prix d'Amérique for the second straight year. Oursi, the heavy favorite after 15 victories, gave Gougeon a record seventh triumph in the prestigious event. The Canadian-trained Grades Singing, driven by Jean-Pierre Dubois, was second in a five-horse photo finish about six lengths back.

Quotable

Tom Lascorda, manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, on why he pitches batting practice: "You hear about men dropping dead shoveling snow or mowing the lawn, but not pitching batting practice." (LAT)
Frank Broyles, athletic director at Arkansas, on whether he'd be happy with coach Ken Hatfield if the team won only half its football games: "Sure I would. I'd miss him, too." (LAT)
Lawrence Taylor, the New York Giant linebacker: "There are sacks and there are sacks. If you have a chance to put your helmet into a guy and... the coach comes out and asks if he's all right, that's a sack." (AP)



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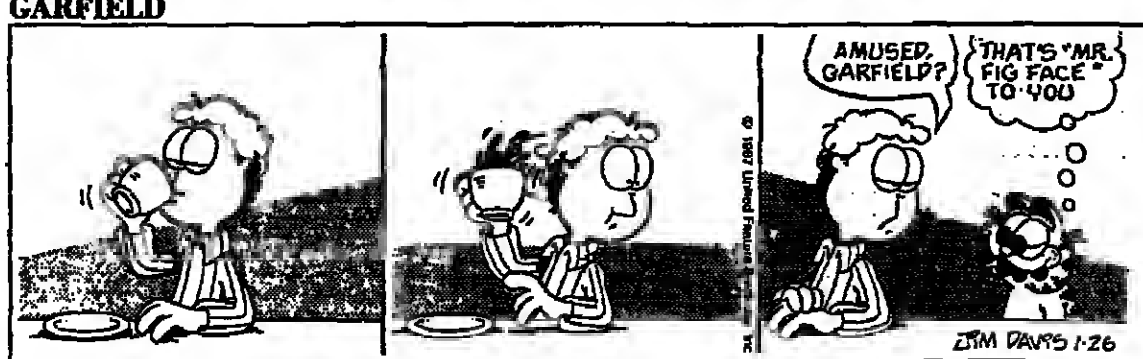
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WORLD STOCKS IN REVIEW / Via Agence France-Press

Amsterdam

Prices opened lower on the Amsterdam market last week and continued to fall until Friday, when they ended slightly firmer. The ANP-CBS general index fell for the week to 268.4 points, from 271.1 the previous Friday. Volume slipped to 2.692 million guilders from 2.920 million the week before. The brokerage Kempen & Co. predicted an upturn this week after the West German general elections on Sunday.

Frankfurt

The Frankfurt exchange started last week in a morose mood over the instability on foreign-exchange markets, but the Bundesbank's decision Thursday to cut key interest rates provided late relief. The Commerzbank index, which plunged more than 29 points on Monday, closed the week down 16.1 points at 1,912.3. Trading volume was low, at 1,995 billion Deutsche marks, compared with 2,294 billion DM the previous week. Auto stocks did particularly poorly, with Daimler-Benz losing 26 DM to 1,102 and BMW down 9 to 514, while in oils, VEBA plunged 22 to 277.

Hong Kong

The Hong Kong stock exchange fluctuated wildly last week, demonstrating what analysts said was its vulnerability to political developments in China. The Hang Seng Index closed at 2,499.43, down 43.14 on the week. The index dived 82 points on Monday, its biggest one-day loss in 18 months, after Hu Yaobang was forced to resign as the head of China's Communist Party. Tuesday saw the index shed another 83 points in the morning, before rebounding by 73 points to after Beijing's chief representative in the colony, Xu Jiatun, said Mr. Hu's resignation would not affect China's policy toward Hong Kong. The British-administered territory is to revert to China in July 1997, with a promise by Beijing that it can retain its capitalist economy for 50 years. Rampant buying Wednesday was followed by an equal blend of buying and selling on Thursday, with profit-taking on Friday.

London

Early uncertainty on news of the failure of Giles & Overbury, one of the City's oldest stockbrokers, quickly evaporated last week as the London Stock Exchange had a bullish burst in line with New York. The Financial Times industrial share index gained 22.9 points for the week to equal its record high of 1,425.9 points. The volume of transactions rose from 189,606 to 195,438. Wall Street's record-breaking performance Thursday and a widely expected cut in West German interest rates encouraged gains for multinational stocks, but bullishness in other sectors was somewhat restrained by worries over insider-trading scandals. Among leading stocks, Pilkington fell sharply after ITR said it was withdrawing its takeover bid. TI Group rose on news of the sale of its Raleigh Bicycles unit and Guinness traded heavily following rumors of a merger suggestion, later denied, by Argyll Group, its rival in the Distillers bid last year.

Milan

Milan stocks were stable last week after two weeks of bumpiness caused by the crisis in the European Monetary System. Slight trading from Monday to Thursday depressed stocks before a mild recovery on Friday. The stock exchange index fell to 993 from 1,005 the previous week, while volume slipped to 180 million shares totaling 815 billion lire, from 208 million shares totaling 1.13 trillion lire. The best performer was Montedison, whose stock rose 6.4 percent over the week and on two days accounted for one-seventh of the bourse's total trading. Most analysts said that corporate shareholders were seeking to increase their stake in the group.

Paris

The Paris Bourse more than erased early uncertainties last week about the dollar and the Deutsche mark with a strong rally Friday prompted by the Bundesbank's discount-rate cut. The CAC Index jumped 8.5 points Friday to end the week at a record high of 425.3, con-

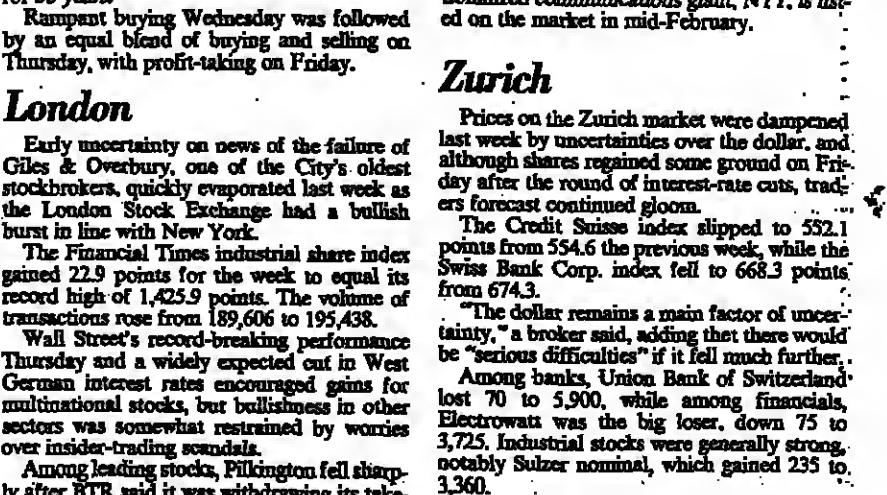
Tokyo

Both the Nikkei stock average and composite indexes soared to records last week as the yen rose steeply against the U.S. dollar in erratic trading. The 225-stock blue-chip Nikkei average hit records for four consecutive sessions beginning the previous week, and after a moderate setback on Thursday, it again climbed to a record 19,456.61 on Friday, up 306.98 from the previous week's close. The composite TSE index of all common stocks listed on the first section hit a record 1,673.82 points on Thursday before falling slightly to close Friday at 1,673.26, for a weekly gain of 33.73 points. Analysts said that the erratic but bullish tone would last at least until the newly denationalized communications giant, NTT, is listed on the market in mid-February.

Zurich

Prices on the Zurich market were dampened last week by uncertainties over the dollar, and although shares regained some ground on Friday after the round of interest-rate cuts, traders forecast continued gloom. The Credit Suisse index slipped to 522.1 points from 554.6 the previous week, while the Swiss Bank Corp. index fell to 668.3 points from 674.3. "The dollar remains a main factor of uncertainty," a broker said, adding that there would be "serious difficulties" if it fell much further. Among banks, Union Bank of Switzerland lost 70 to 5,900, while among financials, Electrowatt was the big loser, down 75 to 3,725. Industrial stocks were generally strong, notably Sulzer nominal, which gained 235 to 3,360.

COMBINED CURRENCY STOCK INDEX GRAPH



DENNIS THE MENACE



JUMBLE

A word game section with a grid of letters and a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.

WEATHER

A table with weather forecasts for various regions including Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Middle East, and Oceania.



## New International Bond Issues

Compiled by Laurence Desvillettes

Issuer	Amount (millions)	Mat.	Coup. %	Price	Price end week	Terms
<b>FLOATING RATE NOTES</b>						
N.H. First Funding	\$ 50	2013	0.20	100	—	Over 3-month Libor. Average life 4 to 7 years. Fees 0.50%. Backed by British home mortgages.
Crédit Foncier	FF 1,000	1994	0.35	100	99.90	Over 3-month French Treasury bill rate. Callable at par in 1988. Also 100,000 six-month warrants, priced at 50 francs each, exercisable into a 5% bond due 1994. Fees 0.25%.
<b>FIXED-COUPON</b>						
Austria	\$200	1997	7%	101 1/4	99.85	Noncallable. Fees 2%.
Barrick Resources U.S.A.	\$ 50	1992	2	open	—	Noncallable. Each note exchangeable for 100 grams of gold after one year. Fees 2%. Terms to be set Jan. 27.
Charter Consolidated	\$ 75	1994	8 1/4	100 1/4	—	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Nishin Steel Company	\$ 70	1992	7%	101 1/4	100.00	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Skandia Int'l Holding	\$ 200	1992	7%	101 1/4	99.50	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Thomson Brandt Int'l	\$ 160	1994	8	103 1/4	101.38	Noncallable. Each \$10,000 note with 25 five-month warrants, priced at 22 ECU, exercisable at par into a 1,200-warrant bond paying 6 1/2% and due 1994. Foreign exchange rate set at 1.7425 mark per dollar. Fees 1 1/2%.
European Coal & Steel Community	DM 175	1997	5%	99 1/2	98.25	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Honeywell	DM 150	1997	6 1/4	100	97.50	Noncallable. Fees 2 1/2%.
Japan Finance Corp. for Municipal Enterprises	DM 100	1997	5%	99 1/2	—	Callable at 100% in 1993. Fees 2 1/2%.
World Bank	DM 700	1997	5%	100	98.63	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
GMAC U.K. Finance	£ 40	1992	10%	101 1/4	—	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Cariplo	ECU 100	1995	7 1/4	101 1/4	99.25	Noncallable. Fees 2%.
Denmark	ECU 200	1994	7%	101 1/4	99.25	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Mortgage Bank of Denmark	ECU 75	1997	7%	101 1/4	99.00	Noncallable. Fees 2%.
Nederlandsche Gasunie	ECU 50	1994	7 1/4	101 1/4	99.75	Noncallable. Each 1,000-ECU note with one 9-month warrant, priced at 22 ECU, exercisable at par into an identical bond. Fees 1 1/2%.
Montreal City	CS 85	1997	9	101 1/4	99.63	Noncallable. Fees 2%.
Indocase Australia	Aus\$ 50	1990	14%	101 1/4	99.38	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%. Increased from Aus\$40 million.
New South Wales	Aus\$ 50	1990	14%	101	99.00	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Royal Trustco Australia	Aus\$ 50	1992	14%	101 1/4	99.88	Noncallable. Fees 2%.
Société Générale Australia	Aus\$ 50	1990	14%	101 1/4	99.50	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%. Increased from Aus\$40 million.
Swedish Export Credit	Aus\$ 50	1990	14%	101 1/4	100.00	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
World Bank	Aus\$ 100	1992	14%	101 1/4	99.63	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
Denmark	¥ 100,000	1992	5%	101 1/4	100.00	Redeemable and callable at par in 1991. Fees 1 1/2%.
Sweden	¥ 50,000	1994	5%	101 1/4	99.88	Noncallable. Fees 1 1/2%.
<b>EQUITY-LINKED</b>						
Elders U.K.	£ 75	1997	open	100	99.00	Coupon indicated at 5%. Redeemable in 1993 to yield 7 1/2% and callable at 101 in 1993. Convertible at an expected 10% premium. Fees 2 1/2%. Terms to be set Jan. 29.
Hino Motors	\$ 60	1992	open	100	—	Coupon indicated at 3 1/2%. Noncallable. Each \$5,000 note with one warrant exercisable into company's shares at an expected 25% premium. Fees 2 1/2%. Terms to be set Jan. 28.
Nishimatsu Construction	\$ 50	1992	open	100	—	Coupon indicated at 3 1/2%. Noncallable. Each \$5,000 note with one warrant exercisable into company's shares at an expected 25% premium. Fees 2 1/2%. Terms to be set Jan. 28.
Générale Int'l Finance Luxembourg	DM 350	1994	2 1/2	100	100.75	Noncallable. Each \$500-note note with 38 four-year warrants each exercisable into one SGB share of 3,450 Belgian francs, at 1.40% premium. Fees 2 1/2%.
Elders U.K.	£ 85	1997	open	100	99.00	Coupon indicated at 7%. Redeemable in 1993 to yield 10% and callable at 101 in 1993. Convertible at an expected 10% premium. Fees 2 1/2%. Terms to be set Jan. 29.

## Multi-Tranche Tap Notes Reappear

By Carl Gewirtz  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Multi-tranche tap notes, heralded by Merrill Lynch last autumn as the hottest new instrument to hit the international financial market, reappeared last week with a new \$500 million program for Franklin Savings Association.

Electrolux, the first client to use the Merrill Lynch formula, currently has \$80 million of three-year notes outstanding.

The formula calls for a minimum amount of notes to be issued in any maturity chosen by the issuer. Franklin started offering \$50 million of two-year notes and the amount was increased to \$70 million. No more than \$200 million will be issued in any maturity, which can range from one year to five years.

Franklin's notes are collateralized by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. securities. The collateral, valued weekly, amounts to 132 percent of the value of paper sold by Franklin, giving its notes a triple-A rating. The two-year notes were offered with a coupon of 6 1/2 percent, for a yield of 5 1/2 percent, or hundreds of a percentage point, over the yield on comparably dated Treasury paper.

Merrill says it will quote prices in the notes continuously, moving the quote with each change of the Treasury bond price. It noted, however, that the spread of 54 basis points

"will not necessarily be maintained." Given the success of the initial offering, a Merrill spokesman said the spread could probably be cut to 50 basis points.

Electrolux paper, initially sold to yield 93 basis points over the Treasury curve, is trading at a spread of 72 basis points.

The structure of the offering is designed to fill a gap between the three-month maturities of the commercial paper market and the minimum five-year maturity normally seen in the Eurobond market. The tap structure is designed to give the issuer maximum flexibility on how much paper is offered and when.

In the commercial paper market, New Zealand announced that it had established a \$500 million program with Citicorp and Shearman Lehman Brothers as dealers. The government, which up to now has tapped the short-term market through the sale of Euronotes, said it would consider appointing additional dealers in coming months.

New Zealand, a pioneer of the Euronote market, has moved away from the early structure of having a tender panel of banks bid for its paper to a more flexible structure, in which dealers attempt to market paper on a best-efforts basis. The first offering of CP is not expected before late March and then for maturities exceeding one year.

Fireman's Fund Mortgage Corp. has appointed Manufacturers Hanover Trust to arrange a \$300 million multi-option facility, incorporating a revolving credit and a tender panel for the issuance of Euronotes.

The borrower will pay an annual facility fee of 10 basis points. Interest to draw on the revolving credit will be set at 10 basis points over the London interbank offered rate, or Libor. If more than one-third is used, the utilization fee is 6 basis points; if more than two-thirds is drawn, the additional fee rises to 10 basis points. Front-end fees range up to 7 1/2 basis points for banks underwriting \$25 million.

The parent organization, Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. last year paid a facility fee of 8 1/2 basis points for a \$200 million, five-year facility.

Woolworth Holdings PLC has appointed County NatWest Capital Markets, Citicorp and Morgan Grenfell as dealers to market up to \$150 million of its dollar equivalent in commercial paper.

At the same time, Woolworth has arranged a \$150 million credit facility of which banks are asked to underwrite \$100 million. Woolworth is paying an annual facility fee of 5 basis points on this five-year credit line. Interest is set at 10 basis points over Libor, or 12 1/2 basis points over Libor if more than half is drawn.

Pirelli Financial Services is seeking a five-year credit of \$75 million of its equivalent in European currency units. It will pay an annual facility fee of 5 basis points and drawing charges of 5 basis points over Libor for up to one-third of the amount. Drawing charges rise to 7 1/2 basis points for up to two-thirds, and 12 1/2 basis points for more than half.

Montedison of Italy is renegotiating terms on a 100 million ECU credit arranged in early 1985. The maturity remains unchanged, with five years and four months to run. But the interest is now set at 15 basis points over Libor, down from a split 14- to 3/4-percent margin over Libor. The commitment fee on undrawn amounts has been cut in half to 1/4 percent. A renegotiation fee of 7 1/2 basis points is being offered to lenders.

## Stock Turmoil Influences Prices of Treasury Bonds

By H.J. Maidenberger  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In trading heavily influenced by the turmoil in the stock market, Treasury bond prices have slumped, with the longest maturities showing the largest losses.

Unlike the frenzied trading in stocks, dealers noted that bond prices eroded gradually in light volume on Friday, while bills moved modestly higher.

But the bellwether long Treasury bond, for instance, was offered late in the session at 100 23/32, down 1 5/32 on the day. As a result, the yield on the long bond rose to 7.44 percent, from 7.34 percent the day before and 7.33 percent a week ago.

Contrary to traditional patterns, the bond market moved in tandem with the stock market, said Maria F. Ramirez, managing director at Drexel Burnham Lambert.

"Given the current speculative environment, it is almost meaningless to discuss fundamentals" when futures play so large a role in the marketplace.

Much of Friday's volatility on Wall Street was laid to arbitrage computer programs that involve the simultaneous purchase or sale of a basket of stocks that mirror a stock index and the offsetting sale or purchase of stock index futures.

In Chicago, the spot March Treasury bond futures plunged 32/32, or a full point, to close at 100 12/32. Traders there also attributed the weak bond futures to the late sell-off in the stock market.

"When the stock market turned sharply lower, one could almost feel the bearishness sweeping the bond futures pit," said Norman E. Mains, financial futures specialist at Drexel Burnham's Chicago office. "The bearishness wasn't simply on the inexplicable sentiment or mood that often pervades a market for no apparent reason."

As for the bond market's fundamentals, Ms. Ramirez, who correctly predicted that the gross national product, the country's total output of goods and services, would grow by only 1.7 percent in the final quarter of 1986, forecast zero growth for the current quarter.

"Consequently, the near-term trend for the bond market is for somewhat higher prices," she said, "because we doubt the Federal Reserve would tighten credit while the economic situation remains sluggish."

In the secondary market for intermediate Treasury issues, the new 6 1/2 percent notes due in 1989 traded on a when-issued basis to yield 6.21 percent, while the 6 1/2 percent issue of 1989 fell 3/32, to 100 2/32, to yield 6.35 percent.

### U.S. CREDIT MARKETS

Prime bank deposits rose to 5.50 percent, the highest since 1981, as the Federal Reserve continued to raise its discount rate.

The 90-day Treasury bill yield fell to 7.33 percent, down from 7.34 percent a week ago.

The yield on the long bond rose to 7.44 percent, from 7.34 percent the day before and 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 15-year Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 5-year Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 2-year Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 1-year Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 6-month Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 3-month Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 1-month Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the overnight Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 4-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 8-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 13-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 18-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 23-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 28-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 33-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 38-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 43-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 48-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 53-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

The yield on the 58-week Treasury note rose to 7.34 percent, from 7.33 percent a week ago.

### Treasury Bonds

Maturity	Bid	Ask	Yield	Yield
31.10.88	99 1/2	99 3/4	6.21	6.20
12.1.89	100	100 1/8	6.36	6.33
30.9.90	100 1/2	100 3/4	6.52	6.50
11.5.91	100 1/2	100 3/4	6.61	6.60
15.10.93	100 1/2	100 3/4	6.91	6.88
15.5.94	101 1/2	101 3/4	7.10	7.02
15.2.96	117 1/2	117 3/4	7.45	7.54
15.3.16	180 1/2	180 3/4	7.44	7.53

### SELECTED U.S./U.K. QUOTATIONS

	BID	ASK
Bitter Corp.	3 1/4	4
Chiron	22 1/2	22 3/4
GoodWork Foods	13 1/4	13 1/2
MAG Holdings	5	5 1/2
NAV-AIR	1 1/2	1 1/4
Spectrodyne	19 1/4	20

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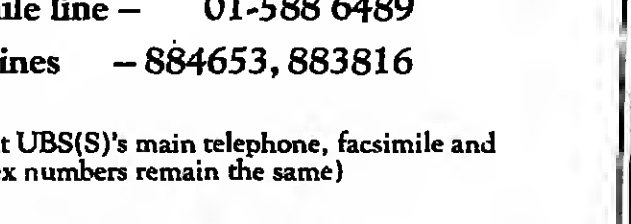
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## BONDS: Stock gyrations and Currency Worries Make the Market Cautious

(Continued from first finance page) increased inflation. The view there is that the weaker than expected fourth-quarter growth in U.S. gross national product, the country's total output of goods and services, reported last week is evidence that U.S. interest rates are poised for a further decline. Indeed, a rate cut at this point might be the trigger needed to drop the dollar the further 10 percent the Americans desire.

But bond market professionals are increasingly wary that the next U.S. interest-rate cut may be the last, given the anticipated increase in inflation, and that when it comes it may be the signal to get out of the dollar bond market.

The increasing discomfort with fixed-coupon dollar bonds is evidenced by the decreasing share of new issues denominated in dollars. Also notable is that Eurodollar bonds are being offered at terms that all analysts agree are attractive, meaning that underwriters are

pricing paper to appeal to investors rather than to take on their own inventories.

Austria's \$200 million of 10-year bonds were marketed at terms to yield 6 1/2 basis points, or 0.65 percent, over the yield on comparably dated Treasury paper, while Skandia International, also rated triple-A, was offered at 73 basis points over the curve.

Thomson Brandt gave holders of its \$160 million bonds 10-month warrants to buy or convert into 6 1/2 percent DM bonds. The exercise price was set at 1.7425 DM, meaning the mark would have to appreciate another 4.5 percent for the warrant to be in the money. If all the warrants were exercised for cash, Thomson would have 300 million DM and \$160 million of bonds outstanding. If all the warrants were exercised by converting the dollar bonds, there would still remain \$50 million of the dollar issue outstanding.

For gold hogs, Barrick Resources, a North American gold producer that has previously issued gold-linked bonds, is issuing \$50 million of 2 percent gold-option bonds. The paper is redeemable only for gold or the cash equivalent, meaning that if the market price of gold falls, so will the redemption value. Each note will be the equivalent of 100 grams of gold, based on the average value set in London on the four trading days ending Tuesday.

After the second year, the notes can be converted into gold at discounts from the average price established at the offering date. The discounts increase, from 35 in the third year to 50 in the fifth and final year. If the market price of gold has risen, holders will receive more cash than they had invested.

In the DM sector, 10-year coupons were judged just under 6 percent, levels not seen since last spring. The European Coal and Steel Community set a coupon of

## CHIPS: Problems at Little GCA Stir Big Fears About U.S. National Security

(Continued from first finance page) three years ago, closed at \$2 on Friday, and the New York Stock Exchange is threatening to delist the company.

Survival depends on the success of an unusual "rights offering," just now beginning, that could raise \$54 million. But it will come at the price of greatly diluting the value of the shares held by GCA's remaining investors, and will bring in Sumitomo Corp. of Japan as a significant minority owner.

"We've never been more than a step away from Chapter 11 from the day I walked in here," said Richard Rifenburg. The Pittsburgh investor took over as chairman last March after the sudden departure of the chairman, two successive presidents (including one who lasted only eight days), two chief financial officers, the entire board of directors and GCA's top technical wizard.

"Our plan is to make the company survive," said Mr. Rifenburg, a veteran of ventures in everything from computers to lead crystal glasses to a small electric power company. "In any event, the product must survive."

Many analysts now think it possible that Mr. Rifenburg, who has sold off several GCA subsidiaries and cut the payroll by 70 percent, will salvage the company's core.

In the meantime, though, its customers say GCA has lost tremendous ground to Nikon Inc., Canon Inc. and the ASM division of Philips NV — meaning that the center of development of state-of-the-art technology for making semiconductor chips has moved overseas.

That is part of what worries the Pentagon, which — perhaps reacting for the overdramatic — fears the decline of domestic chip-pro-

ducing technology to the loss of a nation's capacity to build guns.

A recent CIA report, according to industry executives who were briefed on its findings, concluded that without such technology, U.S. companies could face extraordinary difficulty in designing semiconductors, that leaves only Perkin-Elmer Corp., a Connecticut-based maker of instruments, and Ultratech Stepper, a division of General Signal Corp. And while they receive high marks from technical experts, Ultratech's machines are not "reduction steppers," capable of reducing

orders, they geared up to sell 500 to 600 steppers in 1985 at more than \$1 million apiece. When the crash came, the company shipped barely more than 100.

In 1985 the GCA lost \$94 million. Layoffs began — though not fast enough, according to several former executives. By the beginning of 1986, Mellon Bank, one of GCA's major lenders, brought in Mr. Rifenburg, though his previous experience had little to do with semiconductors.

Mr. Rifenburg quickly sold GCA's scientific and analytical equipment operations, its robotics unit and other peripheral ventures.

Meanwhile, GCA's parking lots are half-empty, and so are the dust-free construction bays where steppers are made. The company has just begun shipping its newest model, which makes chips with line widths as narrow as seven-tenths of a micron. But new development, many people fear, has ground to a halt.

"Most of the best talent has moved on," said Joseph Grenier, a former GCA executive who is now an analyst in Silicon Valley.

"The field is very active technologically," said David A. Hochstadt, the general manager of Perkin-Elmer's semiconductor equipment group and thus a direct competitor. GCA's products, he said, "may now have slipped far enough off the front edge of technology that saving them is a moot point."

Mr. Rifenburg disagrees. "We still think we have a year or two's edge on the competition," he said.

"The integrated circuit is probably the most important invention of our generation," he added. "I'll do whatever it takes to make sure we keep the technology for making it right here."

GCA's previous management was also wildly optimistic about the company's future. Despite early signs of softness in semiconductor

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NASDAQ National Market

OTC Consolidated trading for week ended Friday.

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VOLATILE: SEC to Study Computers' Role in Wall Street's Wild Day

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SEC is studying the role of computers in Wall Street's volatility. Mr. Shad said the SEC would now focus on volatility throughout the market in general.

Huge Volumes Stir Worry Among Some NYSE Traders

NEW YORK — The busiest stock market session in history on Friday left many traders shell-shocked and there was some concern about the New York Stock Exchange's ability to handle the huge volumes that computer trading have made increasingly commonplace.

International Bond Prices

Table listing international bond prices for various countries including Germany, France, Japan, and the UK.

Wall Street Review

Table with columns for AMEX Most Actives, NYSE Most Actives, AMEX Diaries, NYSE Diaries, AMEX Sales, and NYSE Sales.

Euromarts At a Glance

Table listing Euromarts with columns for location, contact info, and services.

INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS
You will find below a listing of job positions published last Thursday under the rubric International Positions.

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SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Giants, Broncos Clash in Top U.S. Showcase

By Mike Rabun

United Press International

PASADENA, California — America's fondness for sport and spectacle reached its annual pinnacle Sunday with the 21st playing of the Super Bowl — year after year, the most-watched athletic event in the United States has to offer.

The New York Giants and Denver Broncos, survivors of six months of controlled violence, were to meet at 2:00 PM in the Rose Bowl to decide the National Football League championship.

"You can talk about the pressure of being in this game all you want," said Denver coach Dan Reeves, who would be taking part in his sixth Super Bowl. "But you can never know what it's like until you experience it. It was exciting in 1970" as a player for the Dallas Cowboys "and it's no different now."

An estimated 130 million people were to watch the game on television — a broadcast that would be seen live or on videotape in more than 35 countries, including Britain, France, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and the People's Republic of China. If that many people did watch the Giants and Broncos, Super Bowl XXI would become the No. 1 rated program in U.S. television history.

Eight of television's 10 most viewed programs have been Super Bowls. A crowd of more than 101,000 was to fill the Rose Bowl — most of them having paid the face value of \$75 for a ticket. But many would have dealt out between \$500 and \$1,200 for the opportunity to be a part of the closest thing to an ancient Roman pageant as can be found in the United States.

For their money, they were to see entertainer Neil Diamond sing the National Anthem after leading a cast of 700 in a pregame songfest. They were to see a halftime show produced by the Walt Disney Co. that saluted the 100th anniversary of a village, just down the freeway, called Hollywood.

And they also were to see a football game that, after a long week of talk, sometimes became almost an afterthought. Recent games had become afterthoughts by halftime, with the

three previous Super Bowls being decided by 29, 32 and a record 36 points.

The odds makers favored another rout. New York was a nine to nine and one-half point favorite, a one-sided spread that had inspired as much as \$75 million in legal bets and countless millions more in illegal wagering.

The Giants, a 62-year-old franchise in a 66-year-old league, were making their first trip to the Super Bowl, and trying to repeat the feat of last year's champion, the Chicago Bears, by winning the crown on their initial try.

"As soon as we got here we had what may have been one of the four or five toughest practices we've had all year," said center Bart Oates. "Nobody liked it. But we've got to get ready to play a game. We know why we're here."

There was, however, the familiar problem of a team becoming so worked up with the anticipation that there was nothing left by Sunday.

"The anticipation is great," Reeves had said. "The butterflies are great. But when you finally kick it off it boils down to the fact that it is just another game. You still have to execute properly to win. The chief difference is that there are more people watching than normal."

The Giants had been made an overwhelming favorite for the same reason the Bears were year ago: their defense had been playing at a level above any other in football.

"Their defense has a great reputation," said Denver quarterback John Elway, who would be the chief subject of the Giants' attention. "But I am not intimidated by them at all. I wouldn't say it's scary. No one gives us much of a chance, which is fine. If we play our game, we can beat them."

The Giants, however, had not allowed other teams to play their game. They brought a 16-2 record into the contest, as well as an 11-game winning streak. One of those victories was a 19-16 defeat of the Broncos in the season's 12th week, a game decided by Raul Allegre's field goal with six seconds to play.

Their defense had sacked the opposing quarterbacks 59 times — 10 more than the Broncos defense had — and limited opposition backs to a paltry average of 80 yards per game rushing.

No opponent had gained more than 100 yards on the ground in a game this season.

That was the defense Elway had to test, although in recent weeks he had succeeded where many of his critics assumed he would fail.

He had thrown a 48-yard touchdown pass to Vance Johnson for a 22-17 divisional playoff victory over the New England Patriots, then provided enough heroics in the American Football League title game against the Cleveland Browns to last Bronco fans for many a winter.

Elway quarterbacked a 98-yard drive that resulted in a tying TD with 37 seconds left in the fourth quarter, then directed a march in overtime that produced the winning field goal.

"A whole lot of attention has been focused on Elway," said Harry Carson, one of the feared Giants linebackers. "But he doesn't make the team go by himself. He has a lot of weapons."

Overshadowed in pregame analysis was the other chief matchup: New York's offensive quarterbacked by Phil Simms, against the Denver defense, keyed by linebacker Karl Meckler, and end Ron Johnson.

In their previous meeting, the Giants could not produce an offensive touchdown. "As far as I'm concerned," Simms said, "it's the underdog against those guys."

This Super Bowl also appeared to have marked a turning point in the NFL. Six Super Bowls had been played in the previous 20 Super Bowls: Green Bay, Miami, Dallas, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and the Oakland-Los Angeles Raiders. Only one of those teams made the playoffs this year, San Francisco, and it was overwhelmed by the Giants.

The Giants, under the coaching of Bill Parcells, had risen from two decades of obscurity. "I think of those old days as the Dark Ages," said defensive end George Martin, a 12-year veteran who scored the Giants' only touchdown in their regular season game against the Broncos, on a 78-yard interception return.

"At times, we were a dismal bunch of little virginals. There were certainly times when I didn't think something like this would ever happen to us. I'm just glad I lasted long enough to see it."

Pavin Has Slim Lead in U.S. Golf Tourney

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP) — Corey Pavin, winner of the previous week's golf tournament, birdied two of his last three holes Saturday for a five-under-par 66 and a one-shot lead over Paul Azinger after three rounds of the Phoenix Open.

There were 14 others — including defending champion Hal Sutton, PGA champion Bob Tway and Doug Tewell — within five strokes. Tewell birdied six of seven holes in one stretch for a 62, while Tway carded a 63, Azinger a 65 and Sutton a 67.

Howard Twitty, playing a course he helped design, had shot 65 Friday to share the lead with Steve Jones. Saturday, each shot 74 and was seven shots back.

Mannen Winner of Hong Kong Marathon

HONG KONG (AP) — Rick Mannen of Canada won Sunday's 10th annual Hong Kong Marathon, beating a field of about 700 in 2 hours, 20 minutes, 51 seconds. American Doug Kurtis was second in 2:21:53 and Briton Neil Featherby third (2:23:03).

In Japan, defending champion Lorraine Molter of New Zealand, running in snow, won the Osaka International women's marathon in 2:30:40, beating Lisa Martin of Australia, the New York City Marathon runner-up, by 19 seconds.

Favored Oursi Trots to 2d Victory in Paris

PARIS (AP) — Oursi, the French trotter driven by Jean-René Gougeon, on Sunday won the Prix d'Amérique for the second straight year.

Oursi, the heavy favorite after 15 victories, gave Gougeon a record seventh triumph in the prestigious event. The Canadian-trained Grades Singing, driven by Jean-Pierre Dubois, was second in a five-horse photo finish about six lengths back.

Quotable

Tom Lasorda, manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, on why he pitches batting practice: "You hear about men dropping dead shoveling snow or mowing the lawn, but not pitching batting practice." (LAT)

Frank Broyles, athletic director at Arkansas, on whether he'd be happy with coach Ken Hatfield if the team won only half its football games: "Sure I would. I'd miss him, too." (LAT)

Lawrence Taylor, the New York Giant linebacker: "There are sacks and there are sacks. If you have a chance to put your helmet into a guy and... the coach comes out and asks if he's all right, that's a sack." (AP)

Solution to Friday's Puzzle. A grid with words filled in: AHEADS, TOAD, FOOT, BAYOU, GINGE, ALDO, CHEERERS, SKATE, REDS, DAO, PGE, ATRIOSS, YOUNG, ARIE, CLASP, AMBIBL, ENGE, ALLEN, BIRD, TOUL, PEAK, READY, GRIS, SAME, BATS, THANE, ENTREPRE, FRIEDA, POD, AGRID, ANOANTE, EGG, MGI, QUIN, AVANT, GUARD, TOMK, PENT, ESTEE, TRIKY, ENDS, RATES.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword clues. ACROSS: 1 Caesar or Waldorf, 6 Mitten rock in the earth, 11 Boone or Nixon, 14 Opera part, 15 Register, 16 Rattle bird, 17 Film in which Paul Newman played a detective, 20 What Othello did to Desdemona, 21 Part of ancient Asia Minor, 22 Gaelic, 23 Actor Cariou, 24 Actress, 28 Film with Newman as lawyer, with 'The', 32 Unique persons, 33 Lock of hair, 34 Roar or Essex, 36 Not in harmony, 37 Greenland air base, 38 Snug, 39 Policeman, to a hood, 40 Scent, 41 Lone Ranger's aide, 42 Film with Newman as pool shark, with 'The'.

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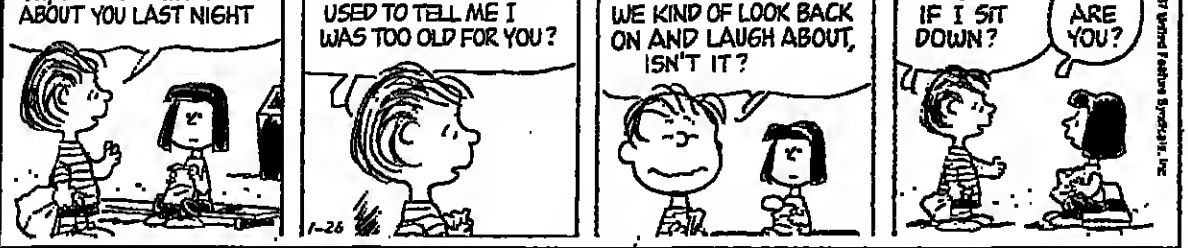
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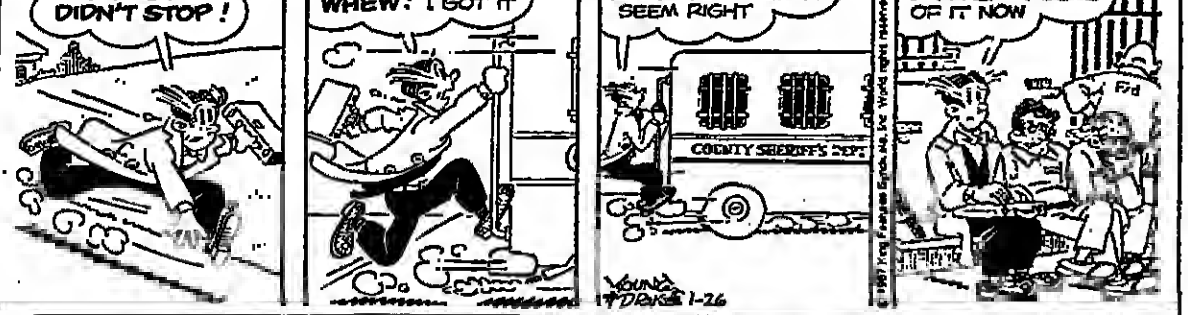
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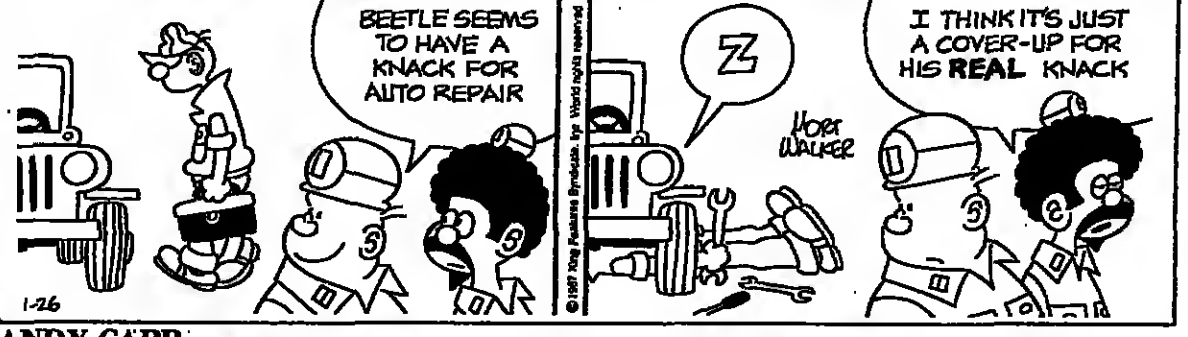
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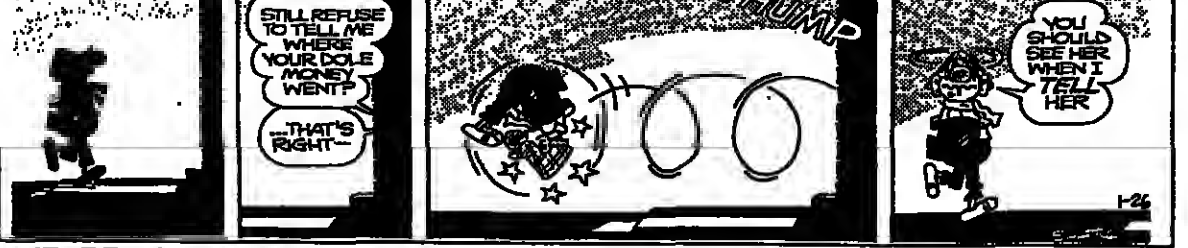
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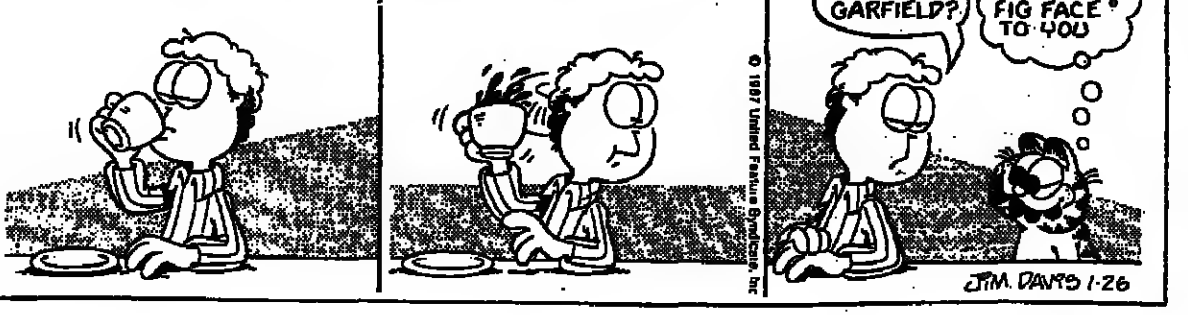
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Amsterdam

Prices opened lower on the Amsterdam market last week and continued to fall until Friday, when they ended slightly firmer. The ANP-CBS general index fell for the week to 268.4 points, from 271.1 the previous Friday. Volume slipped to 2,692 million guilders from 2,920 million the week before.

Frankfurt

The Frankfurt exchange started last week in a morose mood over the instability on foreign-exchange markets, but the Bundesbank's decision Thursday to cut key interest rates provided late relief. The Commerzbank index, which plunged more than 29 points on Monday, closed the week down 16.1 points at 1,912.3.

Hong Kong

The Hong Kong stock exchange fluctuated wildly last week, demonstrating what analysts said was its vulnerability to political developments in China. The Hang Seng Index closed at 2,499.43, down 43.14 on the week. The index dived 82 points on Monday, its biggest one-day loss in 18 months, after Hu Yaobang was forced to resign as the head of China's Communist Party.

London

Early uncertainty on news of the failure of Giles & Overbury, one of the City's oldest stockbrokers, quickly evaporated last week as the London Stock Exchange had a bullish burst in line with New York. The Financial Times industrial share index gained 22.9 points for the week to equal its record high of 1,425.9 points. The volume of transactions rose from 189,606 to 195,438.

Milan

Milan stocks were stable last week after two weeks of bounciness caused by the crisis in the European Monetary System. Sluggish trading from Monday to Thursday depressed stocks before a mild recovery on Friday. The stock exchange index fell to 993 from 1,002 the previous week; while volume slipped to 180 million shares totaling 815 billion lire, from 208 million shares totaling 1.13 trillion lire.

Paris

The Paris Bourse more than craved early uncertainties last week about the dollar and the Deutsche mark with a strong rally Friday prompted by the Bundesbank's discount-rate cut. The CAC Index jumped 8.5 points Friday to end the week at a record high of 425.3, com-

Singapore

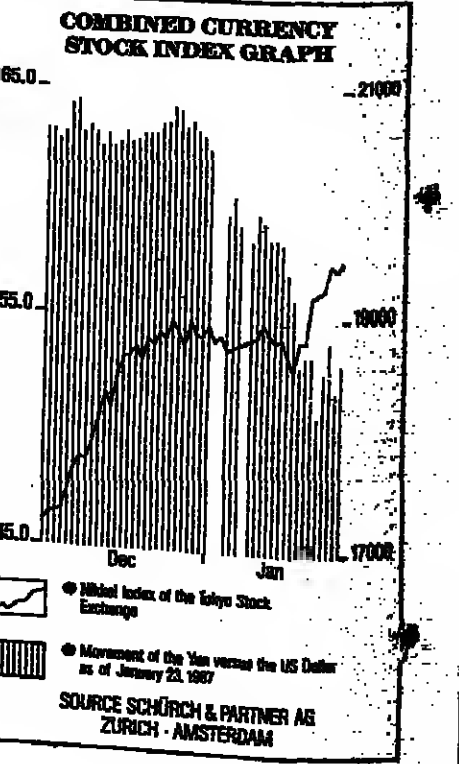
Singapore stocks were quiet last week as investors held back from trading before the Chinese New Year holidays this week. Share prices drifted lower in fairly moderate trading, with losers outnumbering gainers by 117 to 35. The Straits Times industrial index slipped 10.35 points to 939.58, while the SES index fell 1.99 points to 284.94.

Tokyo

Both the Nikkei stock average and composite indexes soared to records last week as the yen rose steeply against the U.S. dollar in erratic trading. The 225-stock blue-chip Nikkei average hit records for four consecutive sessions beginning the previous week, and after a moderate setback on Thursday, it again climbed to a record 19,456.61 on Friday, up 306.98 from the previous week's close. The composite TSE index of all common stocks listed on the first section hit a record 1,678.82 points on Thursday before falling slightly to close Friday at 1,673.26, for a weekly gain of 33.73 points.

Zurich

Prices on the Zurich market were dampened last week by uncertainties over the dollar, and although shares regained some ground on Friday after the round of interest-rate cuts, traders forecast continued gloom. The Credit Suisse index slipped to 552.1 points from 554.6 the previous week, while the Swiss Bank Corp. index fell to 668.3 points from 674.2.





SPORTS

Mandlikova Upsets Navratilova; Edberg Nips Cash in 5-Set Thriller

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
MELBOURNE — Hana Mandlikova used an excellent return of service and sparkling passing shots to stun defending champion Martina Navratilova, 7-5, 7-6 (7-1), on Saturday and win the women's final of the Australian Open tennis championships.

Mandlikova, a Czechoslovak who recently applied for Australian citizenship, took full advantage of Navratilova's uncharacteristically inconsistent service in snatching her 58-match winning streak and winning a second Australian Open crown (she won here in 1980).



Hana Mandlikova: "Beating Martina is like beating a legend."

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MELBOURNE — Stefan Edberg of Sweden retained his Australian Open singles title Sunday when he subdued Pat Cash of Australia in one of the most thrilling championships in the 60-year history of Kooyong.

Edberg turned back a magnificent rally by the tenacious Cash, who came from two sets down to tie before Edberg recovered for a 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3 victory in a 3-hour, 40-minute finale.



Stefan Edberg, clenching his fist after clinching his victory.

Zurbriggen Wins Kitzbühel Downhill, Peaking for Defense of World Crown

By Steve Kertle
United Press International
KITZBUHEL, Austria — Pirmin Zurbriggen won Sunday's Hahnenkamm race, scoring his fourth World Cup downhill victory of the season and disheartening his rivals before he defends his world title back home in Switzerland next weekend.

World Cup Skiing
The combined event that won Sunday's two races. Resch's 1:58.79 led the field until Zurbriggen came down an emphatic 0.73 seconds faster. For the fourth time at Kitzbühel since 1984, Resch finished second.

Zurbriggen also won two downhill here in 1985 before going on to capture the world championship crown at Bormio, Italy. He will defend the world title Saturday in his home canton at Crans-Montana, Switzerland.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for National Basketball Association Standings, Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Selected U.S. College Results.

World Cup Skiing

Table with columns for Men's Downhill, Men's Slalom, and Men's Overall Standings.

Soccer

Table with columns for European Tournament Draws, European Championship, and English First Division.

Hockey

Table with columns for National Hockey League Standings, Wales Conference, Campbell Conference, and NHL Standings.

Transition

Table with columns for Baseball, Basketball, and Hockey.

'Cuppies' Enliven Pre-Final Scene

By Angus Phillips
Washington Post Service
FREMANTLE, Australia — As the series for sailing's top prize draws near, the streets of Fremantle are crowded with members of the international yachting set.

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LANGUAGE

Findings on a Presidential Finding

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Gerunds everywhere are around that one of their clan has made it big in Washington: a finding. Finding capital when used by the National Security Council staff is the noun that enables a president secretly to suspend a law.

"A gerund, called by stylists 'verbal substantive,' is a noun in grammar that is forgotten as soon as it is learned. It means 'a noun that is formed from a verb and ends in -ing,' in the sentence, 'Ducking a question is easy, the gerund is ducking. In addition, when you hold a witness' head under water, you are giving him a good gerundy ducking; however, when the same word is used as an adjective, it is not a gerund but a participle: 'the bobbing, weaving, ducking adviser took the Fifth.'"

"I hereby find that the following operation... is important," goes the once-secret document signed by President Reagan on Jan. 17, 1986, "and direct the director of central intelligence to refrain from reporting this Finding to the Congress." In that sentence, finding is a gerund, and that noun is dear to executives because it has since 1859 had a judicial connotation: "The result of a judicial examination or inquiry; the verdict of a jury, the decision of a judge or arbitrator."

"Because of the requirement in U.S. law for recipients of U.S. arms to notify the U.S. government of transfers to third countries," wrote John M. Poindexter, then national security adviser, "I do not recommend that you agree with the specific details of the Israeli plan." His propositional phrase beginning because of and ending with the comma, which gives his reason for the recommendation, would be placed after that recommendation because it seems now to be directed toward the "I" instead of the action.

"In that we have been unable to exercise any nation over Hezbollah." Although in that is not slang, it is a weak and awkward way to avoid the use of because. It is akin to beginning a sentence with Seeing as how... "A dependency would be established... thus allowing the provider[s] to coercively influence near-term events." That is a confusing or deceptive construction. Does it mean that the secretaries (of state and defense) do not have a recommendation? In that we now know (see how weak in that is?) that Secretaries George P. Shultz and Caspar W. Weinberger vigorously opposed the plan, that line should have read: "The secretaries recommend that you do not proceed with this plan." The misplacement of the do not was inadvertent or intentionally misleading.

That sort of sloppy writing would ordinarily cause most citizens to be incensed at the disrespect done the president, but it turns out he didn't read it anyway. In a handwritten notation on the appendix to the Finding, Poindexter wrote: "President was briefed verbally from this paper." Which raises the question: does verbally still mean "by use of words, either spoken or written," or has it come to mean "orally"? My long-held position is that usage has changed verbal to mean exclusively oral, but prescriptivists of the stature of Jacques Barzun and John Simon strongly (though certainly not coaxially) disagree.

The last time I verbalized in print on this subject, the biologist Lawrence P. Kunstadter of New York City put in this objection: "Many communications in the animal world are made orally, by mouth. All sorts of animals grunt, howl, chirp, bray or otherwise vociferate through their buccal cavities. Even ants communicate orally, through mutual feeding by regurgitation, a behavior known as trophallaxis, which functions in part to communicate information concerning the colony. Only one species of animal communicates verbally, with words."

That is as good a case as I have read for using verbal to mean "communicate with words," but I would have to side with John Poindexter in his use of verbally, point would have been clearer if he had written "verbally," but most people today take verbally to be its synonym. Purists will hate it, but that's my finding. New York Times Service

Zou Dehua: A Beijing Opera Saga

By Charles D. Sherman

BEIJING — Zou Dehua can turn a Mongolian hot pot lunch into a command performance.

The Juilliard-trained coloratura, a long-time principal singer at Beijing's Central Opera Theater and now a casting director for the opera, finds center stage — wherever it is — comfortable. "Zou keeps five luncheon guests stocked with slivers of mutton, wads of parboiled cabbage and mounds of cellophane noodles, dredging them from the boiling water in the copper hot pot.



Zou: Back in Beijing after the great leap backward.

Between servings, she talks about a life and career that gives a new definition to the ups and downs normally associated with the pursuit of the arts.

"I had 17 good years," Zou says. They included leading roles in "Figaro," "La Traviata" and many others. But in 1966 the music stopped. Red Guards, foot soldiers in Mao's Cultural Revolution, ordered her off the stage, out of the capital and into the countryside to learn from the peasants. "Then I lost my 10 best years," she said.

She relishes talking about the good times, of the 1950s and early '60s when she was cast as a "daughter of the revolution" in such socialist epics as "Song of the Grasslands." Over the last three months, Zou has been auditioning actors and singers for something different: spring productions of "The Music Man" and "The Fantastiks," U.S.-Chinese collaborations that Zou is promoting.

The two shows, she says, suit the talent in China where singers do not usually dance and dancers rarely sing. She is back doing what she loves, but she cannot forget that the biggest event between the "Grasslands" and "The Music Man" was the Cultural Revolution.

Her background made her an easy target for the charges of being a bourgeois intellectual and rightist.

Born in 1926, Zou spent a privileged childhood in cosmopolitan Shanghai. Her grandfather was a wealthy landholder; her father, a Cornell University graduate, was

an agricultural specialist who later went into banking.

She learned Western singing techniques from a teacher in Shanghai's community of White Russians.

Later when the Communists appeared ready to grasp power in China, Zou's father took a job with the Food and Agriculture Organization. With his wife, four daughters and two sons, he left for New York.

From 1946 to 1950, Zou studied at Juilliard, much of the time under the soprano Dulsolina Giannini.

"After the Communists took over in 1949, my feeling was 'a new China is born,'" she said. "It was just like that."

Married to an economist, Wang Zengzhang, who had finished his doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota, Zou and her husband wanted to contribute to rebuilding their home-

land. They did not know much about Marxism or Maoism, but they thought they had talent and skills that China needed.

The old government depended on foreigners for its well-being," she said. "The Communists came up from China itself — a homegrown revolution. Mao seemed like a hero."

Her father failed to convince her to stay in the United States. In 1951, the young couple sailed for Shanghai, following her brothers and two young sisters home.

Also on board were U.S. troops heading for Tokyo and Korea's battlefields.

When China entered the war on the side of North Korea a few months later, the United States, which had been a second home and refuge for her family, became the enemy. "We didn't dare mention that we were graduates from American schools," Zou said.

From 1951 until 1971, when U.S.-Chinese relations relaxed,

she had no contact with the sister who had chosen the United States.

In the 1950s Zhou Enlai, then premier, asked Zou's father to return to China and put his agricultural expertise to work.

The Zous had other connections to China's new rulers. Zou's sister, Dezheng, a Radio Beijing journalist, was once assigned to cover Chairman Mao, who often worked late at night at his residence.

But Mao could also play. One evening, he asked Dezheng, who had learned Western-style dancing in the United States, for a few pointers in the fox trot.

But then what many came to view as the great leap backward occurred. Mao's unleashed Chinese youth, convulsing the country with his Cultural Revolution.

One of 80,000 people in Beijing who were forced into the countryside, Zou spent two and half years planting and harvesting rice. Her

husband and daughter were sent to a tea plantation.

When she was finally able to return to Beijing, bureaucrats charged with cultural activities ostracized her. The authorities only permitted performances of 10 operas during the decade of the Cultural Revolution.

No roles were deemed fit for a Western-trained prima donna.

Today things are different. She lives in a two-bedroom, government-supplied apartment (rent \$2 a month). Her home is a few minutes walk from work at the opera where she helps train a new generation of talent.

She has traveled to Europe and to United States several times since 1976, mainly to see her daughter, who was graduated from Wellesley College last year and who is now attending Harvard Law School.

Her husband was assigned from 1980 to 1984 to the United Nations secretariat, giving her a chance to see her family in the United States and renew old friendships.

When she returns to New York, Beverly Hills will give her a handful of tickets for dress rehearsals at the Metropolitan Opera House. Zou had escorted Silks during the U.S. star's visit to China several years ago.

Theater still consumes Zou. In one of her many photo albums is a picture taken of the opera company at a birthday celebration for Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who resided in Beijing following the Khmer Rouge takeover in Cambodia.

There is Premier Zhou. The theater's main patron, applauding the smiling prima. There is Zou in the foreground as a senior member of the opera. And nearby her in Jiang Qing, Mao's wife, a former crew member of the infamous "Gang of Four," and chief harridan of the Cultural Revolution. For her role in instigating the turmoil, she was arrested after Mao's death in 1976 and tried. Jiang's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Zou smiled at the photo, happy to be where she is and to know where Jiang is. "It's been complicated," she said.

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